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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Savagery

THE news of the execution of Mr Imre Nagy and his associates comes as a cold shock, not unforeseen perhaps, but savage, horrid and merciless nevertheless. The body of the 1956 revolution today lies dismembered and decapitated. Now the severed head is destroyed. Yet it is doubtful whether wanton brutality fully explains the action.

Khrushchev, who must take responsibility for the decision, was illustrating in the most vivid and crude way possible, three props on which Soviet policy is based. It is first, callously indifferent to world opinion, second, inflexibly rigid in its orthodoxy, and third, utterly ruthless in carrying out its decisions. For these reasons the Soviet Government has no wish to hide the verdict.

Bitterly

YUGOSLAVIA has reacted bitterly to the news. Why they, least of any country, should entertain illusions about the Russians is hard to explain. Marshal Tito may reflect that with a little less luck and a little more resolution by Russia in 1948, he might have shared a similar fate as Mr Nagy.

The executions are however undoubtedly intended to intimidate deviators including not only Tito but perhaps also Mr Gomulka, Premier of Poland and exponent of the "Polish road to Socialism" as well as to provoke all-round self-examination in the Satellite Governments.

Confident

THERE are indeed lessons for everyone in the execution of Mr Nagy. Khrushchev is after all one of the most diabolically cunning publicists in the world today. Could it be that the same points he tirelessly makes in his marathon letters to the Western Premiers no longer evoke the response he desires (indeed, did they ever?). And does not an act such as this constitute a deed that speaks far louder, and more graphically, than words?

What is the lesson to the West that the executions convey? It is that today the Soviet giant is supremely confident of the power it wields in world affairs, that it will have its own way without caring to count the cost, and that there are to be no misunderstandings about its intentions. Is not this, after all, just what Khrushchev reveals in his latest note to the Western Premiers?

Real Reason

HAS he not already told Mr Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan that there are some questions which Russia will not even discuss at the proposed summit meeting and others, he implies, which Russia has already made up its mind? The West would do well to ponder Moscow's latest show of callous indifference to world feeling, and apply its meaning to the discussions that Russia is now so ardently proposing.

To pass off the executions of Mr Nagy and his associates as "judicial murder," no more significant than any other Soviet "treason trial"—and a number of speak-no-evil neutrals are bound to see it this way—is not only to ignore Mr Nagy's patriotic response to the desire of an overwhelming number of Hungarian people and the foul way in which he and Pal Maleter, his friend and co-leader, were betrayed by the Russians, but to misinterpret Moscow's real intention in releasing this news. It is no mere tap of the gavel with which Russia now invites the respectful silence and attention of the world, but the commanding whack of a bludgeon intended to numb and shock, but above all to illustrate that Russia means what it says.

London Bus Strike To Continue

Garages Vote Against Return To Work

London, June 17. Hopes that London's 8,400 buses would be back on the road again tomorrow after a six-week strike ended today when more than half the city's 114 bus garages voted against a return to work and a busmen's delegate conference adjourned indefinitely — meaning the continuation of the strike.

Leaders of the Transport and General Workers Union, to which the busmen belong, will meet again tomorrow to consider future strike policy.

To Accept Or Not

By tonight 60 garages had voted against a return to work and 52 for a resumption, with two results still to come in.

The issue was whether to accept a recommendation from last week's delegate conference that work be resumed and fresh wage talks started with the London Transport executive.

More than 100 busmen and "clippies" demonstrated in favour of the strike outside the Transport and General Workers Union headquarters as delegates arrived for the crucial conference to review the voting.

Replica Of A Gallows

One group carried a wooden replica of a gallows with an effigy of a busman swinging at the end of a rope, with the caption: "A victim of Trades Union Congress loyalty." A banner across the entrance hall said: "We are not Reds, but we are not yellow."

On Friday, delegates recommended an end to the strike on the employers' promise to review the pay of 14,000 men not included in an earlier offer of an eight shillings and six pence a week rise for the remaining 86,000.—Reuter.

PREGNANT MOTHERS SLEEP OUTSIDE COLONY HOSPITAL

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

London, June 17. A Labour M.P. referred in the House of Commons today to expectant mothers in Hongkong sleeping outside a maternity hospital overnight because of overcrowding.

200 VANISH WITHOUT A TRACE

Mexico City, June 17. Officials said today that some 200 fishermen apparently were drowned in a storm yesterday off the Pacific coast of nearby Oaxaca state.

The men, aboard 21 boats, seemed to have disappeared without a trace after the storm caught them by surprise.

If they all were drowned it would constitute the greatest maritime tragedy in Mexico's history, officials said.

DISASTER

First reports of the disaster came from Sabino Ortiz of the fishing boat Chencue, which went aground near the town of Zacaupico after five of his seven crewmen had been washed overboard.

"The waves were a nightmare," Ortiz said. "It took us two hours to reach the beach. Twenty-one other boats just disappeared and I'm sure all aboard them were lost."

The storm lashed the entire state of Chiapas and caused extensive crop damage and landslides.—U.P.I.

CONCRETE BRIDGE CRASHES: 8 DEAD

Vancouver, B.C., June 17. A \$16-million steel and concrete bridge still under construction collapsed into Vancouver Harbour today.

An estimated 35 to 40 workmen plunged into the water amidst the debris and police said at least eight were killed. They feared the total would go higher.

More than 20 men were rescued within a few minutes by the crews of harbour craft and helicopters. Ambulances rushed them to hospitals. Divers and other rescue workers were on the scene probing the waters of Burrard Inlet for others who might be trapped.

Perfect Weather

The accident occurred in mid-afternoon in perfect summer weather. There was no immediate explanation for the collapse.

There was no perceptible wind. Construction teams on the bridge were working in 80-degree temperature when one of the spans suddenly shifted, weaved crazily and buckled into the water, pulling a second span with it.

A project foreman said between 30 and 40 men were working on the two spans at the time of the collapse. All went into the inlet with the twisted wreckage.

Third Span

An hour and a half after the accident there was concern that a third span might go and rescue workers were alerted to remain clear of the pier on which it was leaning at a rakish angle.

The incoming tide washed some of the bodies as far as 30 yards downstream from the bridge site.

The fallen section of the bridge was 140 feet long and was the newest portion of the project being financed by the provincial government.—U.P.I.

High Award For Churchill

Paris, June 17. General de Gaulle and his government today awarded Sir Winston Churchill the Croix De La Liberation, the Prime Minister's office announced.

The cross is a high decoration for services for the liberation of France.

Sir Winston Churchill will be the third foreign personality to receive the award. The other two are President Eisenhower, who was Supreme Allied Commander at the liberation, and King Mohammed V. of Morocco.

The award was made on the eve of big celebrations for the 18th anniversary of General de Gaulle's historic 1944 call over London radio to France to carry on the fight.—Reuter.

Paris Visit

London, June 17. Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, told questioners in the House of Commons today he thought his visit to Paris on June 29 and 30 to see General de Gaulle was "timely."

He hoped it would be useful.—Reuter.

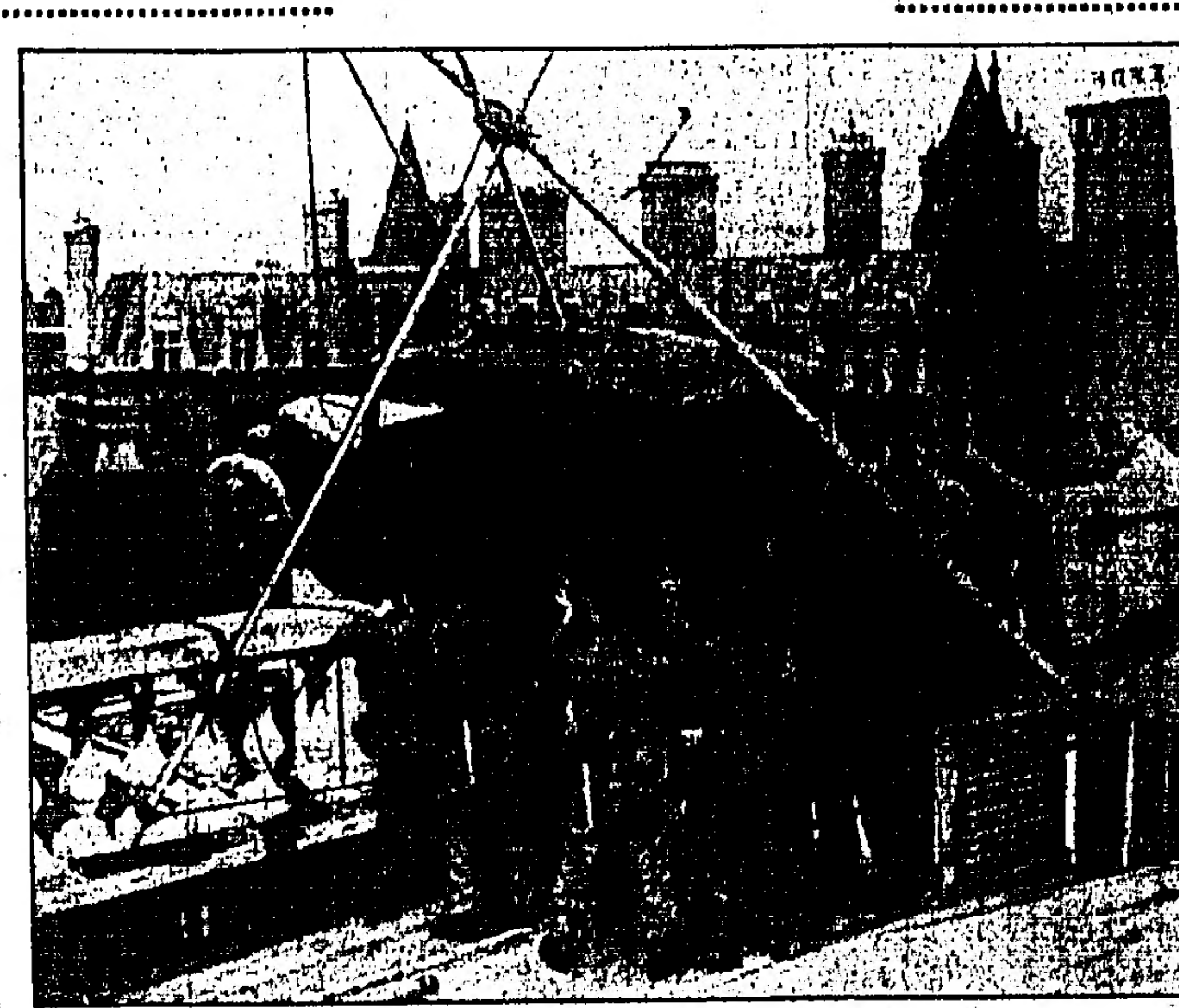
FOUND DUPLICATING MAO'S WORKS

Singapore, June 17. A Singapore Government spokesman confirmed tonight that seven Chinese were detained yesterday for complicity in duplicating two works of the Chinese Communist Chairman, Mao Tse-tung.

A Chinese typewriter, a duplicating machine and 87 copies of these books were seized by the police. Some other books on Marxism and Communism, and a Peking newspaper were also seized. Three of the detainees were bank clerks.

The arrests were made within a few hours of the release here of Singapore Chief Minister, Lim Yew Hock, after constitutional talks in London. Lim had earlier indicated that Singapore must be rid of

Prank Becomes A Problem



The Austin Seven van which was hoisted on the 70ft. high roof of the Cambridge University Senate House as a prank by undergraduates, became a problem for those who have been trying to get it down from its precarious perch.

The Cambridge Civil Defence team (seen above) were jeered and laughed at when they tried to get the vehicle down. After two hours of trying with derricks and hoists, they had to admit defeat.

The van was eventually cut up into pieces and taken off the roof.—Central Press Photo.

'No Polio Alarm'

A MEDICAL Department spokesman said this morning there was no cause for alarm because of the increase of polio cases over the past few months.

"It's a summer disease and this is a seasonal increase," he added. "Another reason he gave for the rise in the number of notified cases was the increase in population in Hongkong."

"There is a greater awareness of the disease in the Colony now, and people are more ready to notify the authorities of any polio cases. Those which have come to the attention of the authorities are nearly all young Chinese children under the age of four. Most other cases reported are usually young adults or recent arrivals to the Colony," the spokesman said.

He said the attack rate in the Colony compares favourably with other European countries where the disease exists. "Our attack rate is one-eighth of the attack rate in Britain. In Britain it strikes five people in every 200,000."

"The increase in Hongkong was due to some extent to the lower mortality rate among young infants," he added. "With better health conditions existing in the Colony, fewer children die in infancy, and more grow up and are liable to infection by polio."

During the week ending June 7, 22 new cases were reported. This was the largest number reported in any one week this year and brought the total since January 1 to 85, (with 10 deaths) or almost double the total for the whole of last year.

CHILD CHAIN STORE HEIR FOUND AFTER KIDNAPPING

Ottawa, June 17. A two-year-old heir to a chain store fortune, who was kidnapped from his home in Montreal last Saturday for \$10,000 ransom, was found alive and unharmed today in the home of a taxi driver here.

Unperturbed

The boy was reunited with his distraught parents who drove here from Montreal late today. He was unperturbed by the excitement. While his parents wept, he reached over his mother's shoulder and tried to play with his grandmother's glasses.

The boy is the only child of Cyril and Dorothy Reitman. His father is the only son of Sam Reitman, who is the principal shareholder in a chain of more than 200 clothing stores across Canada.

Greta Goede, who started work for the Reitmans only two weeks ago, was at first believed to also have been abducted. A ransom note found in the Reitman home threatened both her and the boy with death.

Checking

However, police said they had been checking into her background since Sunday. They said she was born in Cologne, Germany, and entered Canada in 1954. The Reitmans hired her through an employment service.

The ransom money—\$10,000 in unmarked \$20 and \$50 bills—was deposited in a Montreal hiding place as instructed in the ransom note, Police said, however, that as of noon today the money had not been picked up.

News media were informed of kidnapping on Monday afternoon, but withheld the story at the request of the police. The ransom note had threatened death to the boy if police were informed. The news blackout was maintained until the family and police agreed to release the story.—U.P.I.

LINER RUYS CATCHES FIRE

Buenos Aires, June 17. Fire broke out in one of the holds of the 14,285-ton Dutch passenger liner Ruys tonight and two fire companies and maritime prefecture firemen were called out to fight the blaze.

The motor vessel, owned by

Royal Intercean Lines, arrived from Japan last week with tourists and Japanese immigrants. She was due to sail on June 21 for South Africa, Hongkong and Japan.

The Ruys at present is berthed at the Newport Docks in northern Buenos Aires.—U.P.I.

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Students Stone Soviet Embassy

Copenhagen, June 17. Windows in the Soviet Embassy here were smashed tonight by showers of stones flung by Copenhagen students protesting against the execution of Imre Nagy and Pal Maleter.

Several hundred people jeered and booed outside the Embassy but as violence flared they were quickly dispersed by strong Danish police reinforcements, including police dogs.

MOTION IN COMMONS

London, June 17. Six Conservative Members of Parliament tonight tabled a motion calling on the Government to condemn officially those responsible for the execution of former Hungarian Premier Imre Nagy and his associates.

The motion was tabled by Major Legge-Bourke, Major Sir Guy Lloyd, Colonel Tuffon Beamish, Mr John Eden, Mr Alan Green and Commander Maydon.—Reuter.

A group of Danish and Hungarian students, holding aloft a Hungarian flag, tried to deliver a written protest at the Embassy but were refused admittance.

Later, demonstrators chanting "Free Hungary" marched to the office of the Communist daily newspaper Land Og Folk.

Massive police reinforcements prevented any major outbreak of violence but close by the Soviet Embassy students set fire in the middle of the road to a Soviet emblem—a red star made of cardboard.—Reuter.

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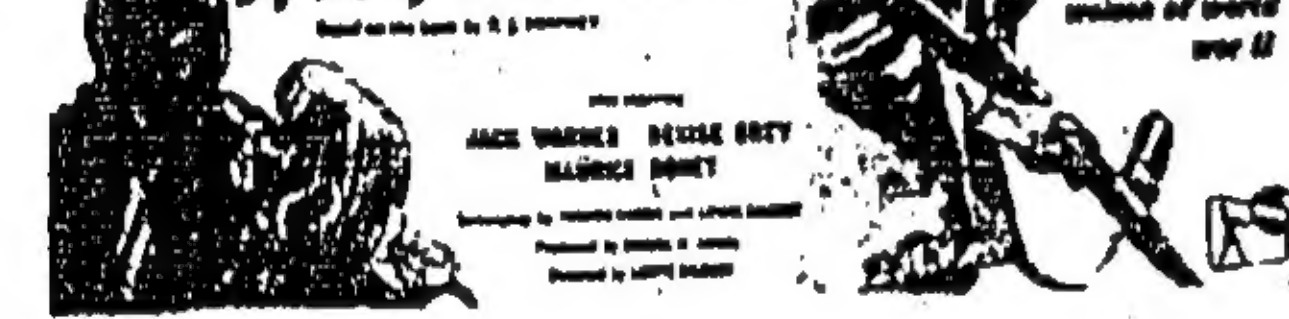
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— TO-MORROW —
ROBERT IVERS
GEORGANN JOHNSON in
"SHORT CUT TO HELL"

LEBANON PLANS PLEA TO BRITAIN & AMERICA

French Warship Lebanon Bound

Paris, June 17.
France has sent a warship to the eastern Mediterranean
to ensure the protection of French nationals living
in the Lebanon, authoritative sources here stated
today.

Earlier today, Andre Malraux,
Minister attached to the Pres-
ident's office, disclosed to the
press that a French warship
was at present cruising off the
Lebanese coast to be ready to
evacuate French nationals from
the Lebanon in case of need.

These circles said that at the
moment no further problems
were at issue since the United
Nations Secretary-General, Dag
Hammarskjold, was leaving for
the Lebanon tonight. —France-
Presse.

By LARRY COLLINS

Belrut, June 17.
Lebanon is ready to ask for Anglo-American armed
forces to guard her borders if the United
Nations does not pledge to do the job and do
it fast a top Lebanese government official said
tonight.

Lebanon's United Nations liaison chief, Minister
Albert Moheiber, said earlier today the nation
already has asked the UN for a force of several
thousand men to throw a land, sea and air
"cordon sanitaire" around its borders.

A senior government source said tonight that if the U.N.
cannot meet this request Lebanon is ready "to use all
means to save her independence and territorial in-
tegrity."

The source said Lebanon
would then be ready to ask for
a speedy emplacement of Brit-
ish and American troops on her
frontiers to shut down infiltra-
tion of illegal arms and men into
the country.

Limited U.S. aid already was
coming in. The United States
embassy revealed that nine
plane loads of ammunition had
been airlifted in during the past
36 hours.

The source said Lebanon
would go all out to get U.N.
troops to do the job as first
choice.

"We will place our request
before Hammarskjold with all
the force and vigor at our com-
mand," he said.

"We hope we will be able to
get a U.N. decision with the
utmost rapidity," he said. "We
cannot afford to lose ourselves
in debates and formalities."

He indicated he was afraid
Lebanon's request might get
bogged down in U.N. red tape
and declared "what we need
urgently is immediate action."

We need 500 or a thousand men
as soon as possible."

He also indicated fear that
Hammarskjold might not possess
enough authority to establish
the force which the Lebanese
government wants, without
going back to the security coun-
cil. —U.P.I.

Legless Wife In Divorce Action

London, June 17.
A legless woman accused of enticing away
a husband from his one-armed wife
said in the High Court yesterday she
just laughed at him when he said he
loved her.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, 50, claims dam-
ages from her for enticing away her
husband, Mr. Alan Walton (53). Both
women lost their limbs in railway
accidents.

Mrs. Broadhead, (37) who denies entice-
ment, said she met Mr. Walton in 1956
at a hospital where she went to have
artificial legs fitted. The meeting
made no impression on her at all.

They went once to an exhibition then,
corresponded over the years and did
not meet again till September, 1955.

In a taxi he suddenly asked if he might
kiss her and she replied: "Yes, if
you want to." It was "just a kind of
peck" and she did not take it seriously.

But later in a hotel, when they were
talking about the hospital, he suddenly
said he loved her.

Mrs. Broadhead went on: "I just laughed
at him. He was rather hurt, I think.
He said: 'I know you don't believe
me, but I do love you.'" She put
him off because she did not take him
seriously.

Accused counsel said Mr. Walton had no
more power to resist his infatuation
for Mrs. Broadhead than to jump over
the moon. He committed adultery
with her in October, 1955, at the
second meeting, and the harm was
done.

The fact that he was unable to resist his
infatuation did not mean he had been
enticed. The jury had to decide who
had made the running.

The case was adjourned till today. —China
Mail Special.

INDIAN STRIKES

New Delhi, June 17.
Troops today surrounded food
grain from several ships in In-
dia's major ports where yester-
day the Communist-domi-
nated All-India Port and Dock
Workers' Federation brought its
members out on strike.

The dockers stopped work in
support of demands for im-
mediate fulfilment of a govern-
ment recommendation for
better conditions. An estimated
150 ships are tied up.

Madras, where six people
were killed yesterday when
police opened fire, was quiet
today.

Trade unions in the city have
called for a partial or complete
commercial shutdown tomorrow
in protest against the police
firing, which occurred when
pickets tried to stop new re-
cruits entering the docks.

In Calcutta, four strikers
were arrested for allegedly
"causing agitation among
workers." —Reuters.

Jap Kuwait Oil

London, June 17.
The Japanese Arabian Oil
Company today signed a political
agreement with Britain opening
the way for an agreement giving
it the right to exploit offshore
oil rights near Kuwait in the
Persian Gulf. —Reuters.

Djakarta, June 17.
The Indonesian Foreign
Minister, Dr. Subandono, said to-
day the Philippines Foreign
Affairs Secretary, Mr. Felixberto
Serfano, had accepted his in-
vitation to visit Indonesia, an
Indonesian News Agency re-
ported. —Reuters.

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Franco-Tunisian Agreement

Paris, June 17.
The Franco-Tunisian agree-
ment concluded in Tunis
today ensures that French
forces will remain at
Bizerta and resume their
normal activities without
delay, the French Foreign
Ministry announced here
tonight.

The agreement marks an
ending in Franco-Tunisian re-
lations, strained since the Sektel
bombing incident on February 8.

The Tunisians then demanded
the withdrawal of all French
troops from Tunisia and Bizerta.

The agreement comes on the
eve of a conference in Tunis
between leaders of Morocco and
Tunisia designed to formulate a
common foreign policy for the
Arab North African states.

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Soldiers Decorated

Belrut, June 17.
A Lebanese army communique
said tonight that the Military
Medal had been awarded to eight
soldiers killed and 35 officers
and men injured in Beirut on
June 14.

This is the first official refer-
ence to army casualties in last
Saturday's street fighting around
the Presidential Palace and other
Government buildings in the
city. —Reuters.



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PEOPLE

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A Weekly China Mail Feature

Rita And The King of Yemen



Rita Nasir, with Camille, youngest of five daughters.

of Yemen

"PEOPLE" SPECIAL

THIS is the full story of Rita and the King of Yemen—different in many respects from Anna and the King of Siam—for unlike school-teacher Anna, Rita was taken to the desert harem of King Ahmed II... and four months later she escaped to tell her story to the world.

Today "People" publishes in about England and what I felt Rita Nasir's account of what happened in this palace where the 68-year-old king, his two wives and 200 concubines lived in Arabian Nights splendour, of her guard of African slaves, and her escape from the silk-draped harem in the little-known capital of Taiz.

Rita, a Scots girl, and now 25, married her husband, Ahmed, a Moslem in Cardiff when she was 17. Now she continues:

"We lived happily in England until I met the Crown Prince of Yemen, Prince Seif Ul Islam Badr, at a reception in London.

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A New School Of Chinese Painting?

THERE is a husband and wife team of Chinese artists in London whose bold and novel experiments with traditional Chinese brushwork may well mark the beginning of an Expressionist school in Chinese painting.

Critics have often explored the lack of individuality and the tradition of copying old masters found in Chinese art but I came away from the Kensington studios of Mr and Mrs Fei Cheng-wu convinced that the charge would never be levelled at them.

NOT MATURED

"What we are trying to do is very experimental and the form has not yet matured," Mr Fei said. "We are trying to express the spirit of what the artist feels at a particular moment and so produce a more individual style in Chinese art. We feel that with a more individualistic style people can feel what you are trying to say and what you are trying to interpret better. I don't have a word to describe our style. Maybe you can think of one."

Perhaps Expressionism is not exactly the word to describe their work but it is again in a way apt. Expressionism in Western art gives first place to the artist's emotional reactions to the world about him. It has occurred in many different periods but it is most common at times of social and spiritual unrest.

The Communist revolution in China may be just the catalyst needed to produce among Chinese artists the likes of Munch, Rouault, Soutine and Kokoschka.

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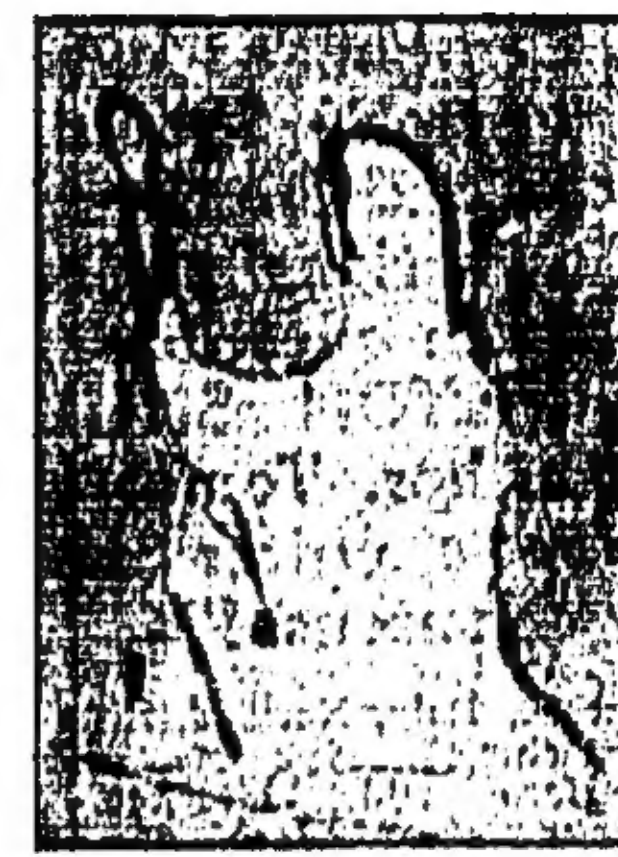
In any case, Mr and Mrs Fei are a happy augury of things to come. Their paintings are already attracting wide attention among British art circles and many of them have been bought for permanent collections.

An examination of some of their paintings, here reproduced, shows the exciting effect of a blending of Western technique with Chinese vision.

But not all the paintings done by the Feis are experimental. They also do landscapes and birds and flowers in the traditional style, although even there a certain amount of individualism breaks through.



Mr and Mrs Fei Cheng-wu and (above) two of their paintings.



on over two continents. Both of them are natives of Kiangsu Province, an area rich in artistic associations.

HARD UP

They met in 1931 when both of them attended the National Central University of Nanking. When war came they went to Chungking and worked together at the China Institute of Fine Art doing research on Chinese art.

When the war ended they were anxious to come to the West to learn new techniques and assimilate new ideas in art. So in 1946 they both came to England and spent the next three years studying at the Slade School of Art.

In 1947, when they were both very hard up, they gave their first joint exhibition in London. It proved to be very successful and they were so encouraged that there remained no further question to their pursuing careers in art. They were married in 1953.

But the Feis, like most creative artists, found that while they can live for art alone, they cannot live by art alone. Though their exhibitions over the years, either singly or jointly, have been most successful and their paintings find ready markets at an average price of between 20 and 50 guineas each, they have found it necessary to augment their earnings by designing fabrics—some of which have been used by Dior—designing movie costumes, illustrating books, and writing on art.

Mr Fei has recently published a book entitled "Brush Drawing in the Chinese Manner" and both of them have been working on some of the costumes in the forthcoming film version of "The Wind Cannot Read."

NO REGRETS

Mr Fei holds an exhibition of 40 or 50 of his paintings in watercolours at the Leicester Galleries in March.

The Feis have found the London artistic climate congenial and that there is a sufficient interest in Chinese art here to sustain them.

"We are just poor artists but we have no regrets," Mrs Fei said. "We are happy to be able to carry on doing what we like to do."

—David T. K. Wong

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The New Colonel

"People" Special

Brantingham. THE new commanding officer swept up to the United States Air Force base here by staff car and announced: "I've never been a colonel before and I'm going to make the most of it."

He was true to his word. Colonel David Bosch, the youngest commanding officer in the USAF, put this bomber base through its toughest inspection ever one day last week.

He pulled parachute rigors to see what would happen and sat in the pilot's seat of a transport plane.

He made snap inspection of the kitchen and raced to the control tower to radio orders to a pilot about to land.

Then he moved off swiftly to cut out the base's fire brigade for a full-scale exercise.

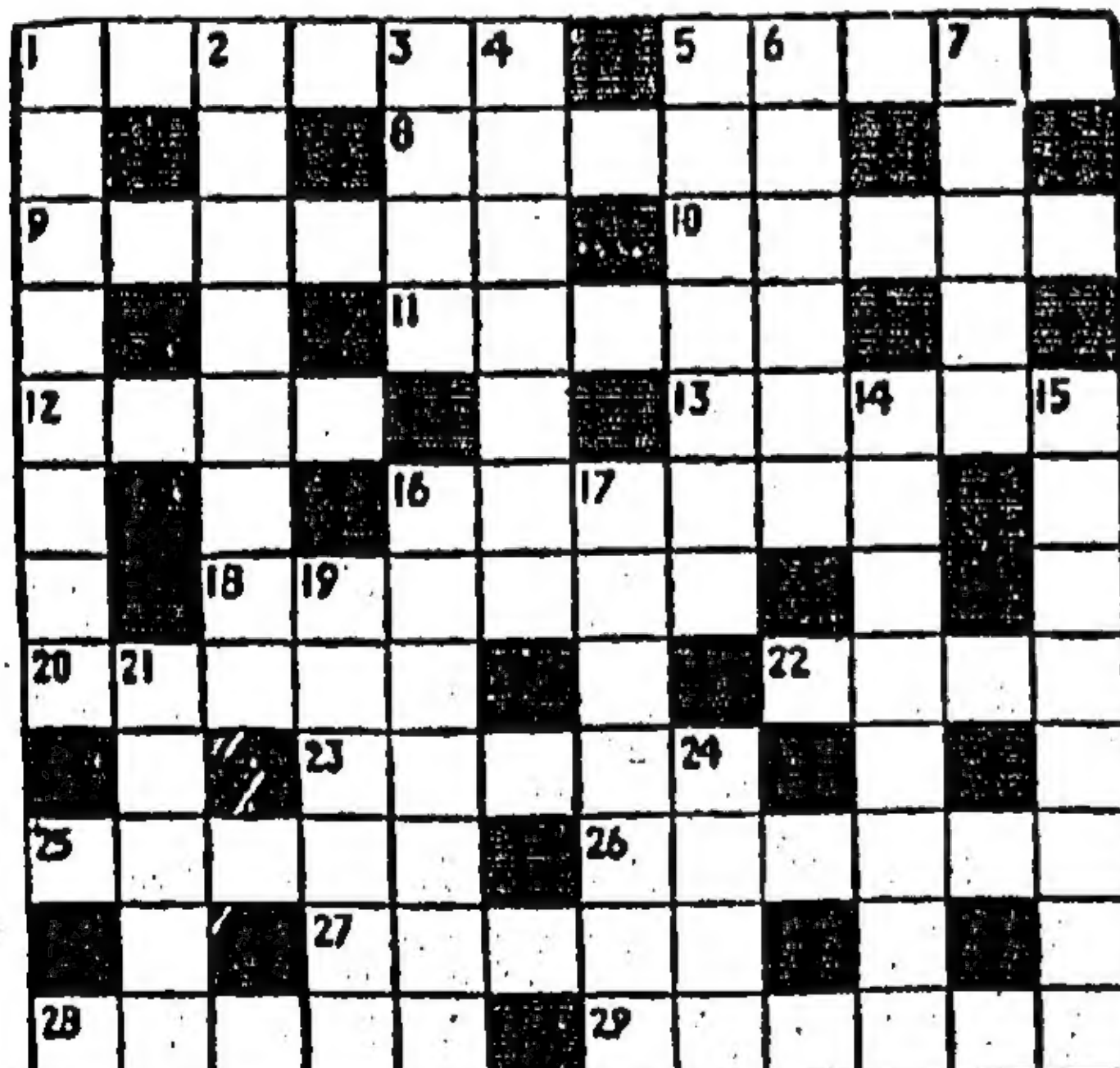
At retreat, he took charge of the ceremony of lowering the colours.

Then at night he said: "Gosh, it's been a wonderful day. Everything a boy could dream about."

Nine-year-old David from Long Lawford, near Rugby, became the base's acting unpaid colonel for the day as first prize in a safety first competition.

A builder's son, once crippled by polio, David ran the base with the authority of a signed order.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Slight accident (6).
 - 5 Little Dickens girl (5).
 - 8 Miles, perhaps, of liquid mud (5).
 - 9 Feminine name (6).
 - 10 A cleric at one time? (5).
 - 11 It takes a lot of hammering (5).
 - 12 Confederate (4).
 - 13 It on the up and up? (5).
 - 14 Take it, but not so sick (6).
 - 15 They may follow the plough (5).
 - 16 Looking like a bride? (7).
 - 17 Ends old scores (7).
 - 18 Relating to medicinal plants (5).
 - 19 Deliver a harangue (5).
 - 20 Definitely a clinging type (6).
 - 21 Strange (3).
 - 22 Handed out (6).
 - 23 Your humble servant — a dog! (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Left one's home country for good (8).
 - 2 Completely unblemished (8).
 - 3 World division (4).
 - 4 He has, as it were, his roots in the soil (7).
 - 5 Roman and British, for example (7).
 - 6 The magician-bird (6).
 - 7 Unbind or unbound (5).
 - 8 Soap source (6).
 - 9 Choosy chump? (6).
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TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Caliph, 5 Scamp, 6 Last, 9 Lethal, 11 Alibi, 12 Sentry, 14 Ford, 16 Rhone, 18 Alone, 19 Tear, 20 Permitt, 24 Drake, 26 Either, 28 Rent, 27 Mates, 29 Tennis. Down: 1 Calm, 2 Lot, 3 Plan, 4 Thrift, 5 Slayed, 6 Aviator, 7 Painter, 10 Eaten, 13 Macadam, 14 Fondant, 16 Reapers, 17 Habit, 18 Threat, 21 Mile, 22 Thin, 23 Eros.

They Were Coloured Blue HE OFFERED ONE OF HIS EYES TO JAMES THURBER

"PEOPLE" SPECIAL

FIVE years ago, James Thurber went blind. For a writer, in fact for any artist the loss of visual senses is an incalculable hardship. It breaks some men and others it inspires with a streak of almost superhuman determination to translate darkness into light.

But what blind man would not have his sight back... if he could.

When James Thurber arrived in London last week he told reporters that an English village gardener had once offered to do just that for him.

He offered Thurber one of his eyes, naively added: "My eyes are blue."

Thurber said it was his most touching experience since he lost his sight and "I tell you about it only because we read so much in the newspapers about selfishness and cruelty."

"The gardener was 34 when he offered the eye. He spoke of a wife and two daughters."

"I shall never forget my own daughter reading out his beautiful letter to me in hospital."

"She paused near the end and said she could not make out the last sentence. She was overcome by it."

"I insisted on hearing it. The gardener had put a postscript. It was just four words: 'My eyes are blue.' I wept."

Thurber gave more attention to the reply that he did to much of his writing. In the end it was a very simple letter he sent to the Englishman in Essex.

He said: "I could have told him how it is only the corners of eyes which are transplanted. I could have told him that the corners of my eyes are the only sound things about them."

"Instead, I told him that England needed both his eyes and so did his wife and daughters..."

MAN ON PROBATION ORDAINED

An Oxford undergraduate, Michael Frederick Charles Trotter, 28, who is still on probation from a magistrates' court, was ordained as a deacon in Ripon Cathedral last week.

When the Bishop of Ripon, Dr Chene, asked if anyone objected to any of the deacons being ordained, there was silence in the assembly of over 1,000.

Trotter, of Old Park House, Park Street, Ripon, is to be a curate at Chapel Allerton, Leeds.

He pleaded guilty at Lewes last July to an offence involving a boy.

Before the ceremony the bishop said he was in full knowledge of the facts and felt Trotter would make a good minister.

A Magnificent Desk....

A versatile fellow Prince Philip. Now he's become an enthusiastic amateur painter and "People's" London correspondent understands that he has recently completed a study of the Queen, reading papers at a desk.

The perspective of the desk and the details of the background, it is said, would have done credit to a professional.

But it is also said that the artist himself was the only one able to recognize the seated figure as being the Queen.

A \$600 CABLE

"PEOPLE" SPECIAL

TELEGRAMS—at 2/6 (HK\$2) a word—for obvious reasons differ from letters in important ways. Brevity, for one... but when Texan oil heiress Elizabeth Chester in New York decided to end her 37-day marriage to French playboy Philip Schell the other day, she decided she couldn't say what she had to say in under 300 words—cost £37-10-0 or HK\$600.

But money means little to victims of a blinding, wonderful, and romantic bewilderment that began on a golf course in Nassau and 28 days later led us to a judge and then on board ship to France, to Nice, to Monte Carlo, to everything a woman dreams of when she is escaping from reality. To go on would be compounding the error and in the end would destroy both of us... We were the victims of a nuclear tempo, an accelerated pace in which some of us not think and plan as if there is no tomorrow. But tomorrow has arrived. I do not want a thousand tomorrows of incomprehensibility, of hypocrisy, of pretence—I do not want it for myself nor do I want it for you....

Amongst other things she said: "Please stay in your world where you are worshipped... I do not wish to hear a pleading, nor do I wish any words that may lead to recriminations... We were the victims of a blinding, wonderful, and romantic bewilderment that began on a golf course in Nassau and 28 days later led us to a judge and then on board ship to France, to Nice, to Monte Carlo, to everything a woman dreams of when she is escaping from reality. To go on would be compounding the error and in the end would destroy both of us... We were the victims of a nuclear tempo, an accelerated pace in which some of us not think and plan as if there is no tomorrow. But tomorrow has arrived. I do not want a thousand tomorrows of incomprehensibility, of hypocrisy, of pretence—I do not want it for myself nor do I want it for you...."

At 17, She Pushed A Pram Quite Madly

"People" Special

Arran. Mrs Ellen Sillars, a London nursemaid who pushed a pram 500 miles from London to Glasgow 80 years ago, has died on this lonely island in the Firth of Clyde, aged 97.

The long walk, in which Mrs Sillars pushed a pram loaded high with household goods, was the idea of her Victorian novelist employer, Mrs Jeanie Adams Aitch, who also made the journey with her six children.

Most of Prince Philip's paintings have been landscapes, but he has branched out with one or two portraits, and still-lives of bottles and glasses.

The question was: "What the heck are you doing here, anyway?"

A POCKET RADIO FOR A PRINCE

"People" Special

PRINCE CHARLES has just acquired a new possession which is the envy of all the boys in the world. It is a miniature portable radio.

The Queen brought it back with her when she came home from her state visit to Holland. It had been given to her as a gift for Prince Charles—and he was delighted with it.

It is particularly neat, as it has transistors instead of valves. They are about the size of matchsticks. The set is no bigger than a camera.

Prince Charles carries it about in his pocket.

What The Heck?

"PEOPLE" SPECIAL

Ottawa. MR Harold Evans, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, has promised to send a rain-soaked card signed by Mr Harold Macmillan to the Press Club in Washington.

The card is a souvenir of last week's lunch by the Press Club for the Prime Minister, at which Mr Macmillan wrote out his own last question and answered it.

He answered: "Heaven knows, but I have enjoyed it very much."

When it was realised that Mr Macmillan had written out the question himself, the card was sent to the rain-soaked airport for autographing as he was leaving.

Another attack on Churchill's war strategy—ALAN BROOKE'S TOO

SOMEONE had to have the last word on the Second Front.

It looks as if it may well go to Trumbull Higgins, an American professor of history, who has written a searching, exhaustive study of this great controversy in a book called *Winston Churchill and the Second Front* (Oxford University Press, New York).

Due for publication here shortly, its appearance is likely to have loud and wounding repercussions amongst those military experts who had settled back in the smug assumption that we had decisively won this particular argument.

PROVED RIGHT?

Find not Chester Wilmet's *Struggle for Europe* and Lord Alantbrooke's diaries, not to mention Churchill's own memoirs, conclusively proved that the British were right and the Americans pitifully wrong about the timing of the cross-Channel invasion of Europe?

Mr Higgins will not have it so. His research, based upon the meticulous examination of almost 400 volumes of source material, shreds the British case into tiny, interred strips of special pleading and heaps a mountain of derogatory comment over Churchill's reputation as a strategist. And it will need more than indignant appoplexy to answer his case.

Mr Higgins is out to show that the Allied decision not to invade France in either 1942 or 1943 was a disastrous policy that lengthened the war and in the end cost needless lives. That policy was the direct result of the erratic, defensive, persuasive theories of Churchill's concept of warfare.

Haunted by the bloodbath of the Dardanelles, Churchill was determined at all costs to avoid the wholesale slaughter of another generation of British men.

This deep-rooted, almost subconscious, fear of heavy casualties caused Churchill to seek out every means of winning the war without irretrievably committing huge masses of British troops in one decisive action.

He preferred an indirect approach to victory, fringe actions in Norway, Rhodes,

MILTON SHULMAN AGREES: BUT SEE TOMORROW'S CHINA MAIL FOR A DEVASTATING REPLY

AN extraordinary book has been published in America, a closely documented book that adds up to the most massive denunciation of Churchill's wartime strategy ever written. Should there have been a Second Front in 1942? Did Churchill's objections prolong the war? To both these questions, the book answers YES. MILTON SHULMAN supports the author. Tomorrow we print the views of a writer who does not. He says "Nonsense!"

Greece, Italy, North Africa, an opportunist type of colonial warfare which attacked the flanks and edges of the German's strongest enemy.

There was certainly a great deal of logic in this policy when we were fighting alone and unable to take on the formidable power of the Wehrmacht.

But once America came into the war at the end of 1941, the potential overwhelming strength of the Allies required a serious revision of British strategy. The way to win the war, according to General Arnold, was simply to hit Germany "where it hurts most, where she is strongest—right across the Channel from England, using the shortest and most direct road to Berlin." This was also the view of Stimson, Marshall and Eisenhower.

PRECEDENCE

Although Churchill agreed that the Atlantic theatre of war should have precedence over the Pacific, he did not agree that Germany had to be defeated before Italy. Indeed, Churchill's strategy envisaged a collapse of Germany without large forces of Anglo-American troops ever coming into direct conflict with the Wehrmacht.

He relied chiefly upon the demoralising effect of pulverising strategic bombing of Germany and felt that in 1942 and 1943 this was the most likely way of bringing about Germany's downfall. This was to

be augmented by minor offensives along Germany's periphery in the Mediterranean and Scandinavia.

Between the Americans and Churchill, a desperate, bitter struggle raged as to which of these strategic concepts should prevail. And it was always Churchill's eloquence and logic that persuaded Roosevelt to overrule his military advisers.

PRESSURE

For the year 1942 the Americans felt something had to be done to relieve the German pressure on Russia. Their plans varied from a sacrifice landing in France to the establishment of a small base of operations on the Cotentin Peninsula (near Cherbourg), which would be expanded in 1943.

Unfortunately all these plans depended upon a large contribution of British land forces, and the British pointed out that it was out of the question, since in the autumn of 1942 there were landing-craft available for only one division.

But it was obvious that the Anglo-Americans would have to engage the enemy seriously some time in 1942. And Roosevelt, conscious of his promise to Stalin for a second front and realising that the Americans would have to do some fighting in 1942, agreed to Churchill's plan for an invasion of North Africa.

Realising that Marshall and Stimson were becoming impatient with Churchill's failure to commit himself to a cross-

Channel invasion—they were constantly threatening to give the Pacific war priority over the Atlantic—large-scale commando raids like Dieppe were undertaken for what Mountbatten has described as "political reasons."

This disastrous operation not only brought about a heavy loss of life but gave the Germans some valuable lessons in how the Channel coast should be defended. It also stimulated the Führer into ordering the building of the Atlantic Wall.

It was apparently obvious to everyone but Churchill and Roosevelt that the invasion of North Africa would prevent a second front in France in 1943. Once committed to the Mediterranean, the Allies had no alternative but to remain there since there was no shipping available to bring them back to England in time for a 1943 cross-Channel assault.

LUKEWARM

The author asserts that Churchill was over-lukewarm about the invasion in 1944 and that attempts were made to reduce Overlord to a limited diversion on the Channel coast.

Well, was Churchill right? Indecisive period from September 1943, to May 1944, in Italy, which cost 14,300 deaths and got us nowhere, and the two and a half years it took 12 Allied divisions to push 12 Axis divisions some 2,000 miles from Egypt to north-east Italy.

Even more remarkable is the fact that, since the British and Americans had both agreed that Germany had to be beaten before the war could end, how few Anglo-American troops were in actual contact with the Wehrmacht before Overlord.

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danger of collapse and from an industrial standpoint German munitions production increased more than three times between 1942 and 1944.

Were there enough landing craft? Higgins claims that there was nothing more calculated to create a shortage of landing craft than Churchill's reluctance to use them in the Channel.

PRIORITY

Each time there seemed the hope of a second front, the production priority of landing craft was raised. Each time some diversionary action was taken, this priority was dropped. Had Churchill seriously wanted landing craft for an all-out invasion effort, Higgins claims that they would have been available.

And was Churchill right about how much blood would be spilt in an invasion of France? The decisive 11-month campaign from the Channel to Berlin cost the British only 30,000 dead.

Higgins compares this with the indecisive period from September 1943, to May 1944, in Italy, which cost 14,300 deaths and got us nowhere, and the two and a half years it took 12 Allied divisions to push 12 Axis divisions some 2,000 miles from Egypt to north-east Italy.

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Britain's strength on land was engaged against the Italians. Until 1944 most of the American divisions were fighting the Japanese.

From early 1941 until June, 1944 the entire strength of the British Empire and the Commonwealth intermittently fought between two and eight German divisions. The Russians were engaging 100 German divisions during most of this period. And the Americans during 1943 and the first five months of 1944 never fought more than four or five German divisions. So much for the theory Germany first!

Higgins dismisses almost contemptuously Chester Wilmet's thesis that Churchill was trying to block Soviet power as far back as 1942 and that this justified his Mediterranean policy.

Not only is there no evidence for this theory, but Churchill's policy was largely based upon the fear of a Russian defeat rather than an assumption that it would become a great power. Only in 1944 did Churchill give serious consideration to this possibility.

THE VERDICT?

Future historians and biographers of Churchill will have to accept or reject Winston Churchill and the Second Front before reaching their final verdict.

They will have to decide whether Churchill was right in disregarding the advice of his rearer, the Duke of Marlborough, that in the long run the pursuit of victory without slaughter is likely to eventuate in slaughter without victory.

(London Express Service.)

It's a word you need not fear

SOME people dread a certain birthday. Mrs Page, for example. At 60 she accepted congratulations with a wan smile. It was as if she had guessed the future. It was as if she had seen something macabre in the writing of the stars.

She sat before me now, and I knew what she was thinking. My Mother died at 60. What about me? People say I have her blue eyes. Her mannerisms. Therefore why not her life span?

"Yes," she confessed, "there is one word in the English vocabulary that frightens me." That word was heredity. It is a thought that gives concern to many. They think, "My brother Sid has such and such an illness, therefore I may get it. Perhaps it runs in the family?"

No fear

Most people worry unnecessarily. Few illnesses have an hereditary basis. Just consider twins. Probably everybody may know one who may be unwell when the other is bursting with good health.

"But isn't it strange," Mrs Page insisted, "that until my sixtieth birthday I never came to your surgery from one Leap Year to another? Now I seem to be seeing you regularly, isn't it significant that my health seems to be breaking down this year of all years?"

Many people, remembering that their fathers had a stomach disease on such and such a birthday, develop gastric symptoms on that birthday. A stomach X-ray shows nothing abnormal.

Others recall that father had a heart attack when he reached



a certain age, and when that particular birthday comes round they start misgiving about palpitations. An electro-cardiogram shows that the heart is normal.

"The stomach symptoms and the heart symptoms are simply the result of nervousness," I told Mrs Page. "Some people become heart or stomach cases because they remember a certain significant birthday. An ache, a twinge which they would have passed off a year before, they now think to be sinister."

Needless worry

One thing I was sure of. When Mrs Page reached the age of 61 her health would be restored to what it was when she was 59.

But people shouldn't even go through one year worrying unnecessarily.

"Some things are hereditary surely?" Mrs Page asked. "Take insanity."

Here again she was assuming too much. Often a relative who is a little "mental" may be so because of a physical illness. Even dementia may be the result of a physical disease and not something to do with the family heritage. There are many external causes also that may lead to a relative "breaking down."

In the case of heart disease, a parent who died of it may have done so not because of an inherent weakness of the heart but through some infection which that parent suffered from as a child.

"I'm thinking of diphtheria or scarlet fever," I said.

Occasionally diphtheria can affect the heart. But how often now do we hear of people contracting diphtheria?

The fact is that our greatest heritage is health. More—the illnesses that our fathers or grandfathers contracted are no longer the killing diseases they once were.

Nothing wrong

"You see," I said, "there's nothing for you to worry about, Mrs Page. All that's wrong is that you have identified yourself with your mother."

Not that daughters necessarily identify themselves with their mothers or sons with their fathers. It doesn't work that way. But we generally think of ourselves, especially as we grow older, in the image of one or the other parent.

When it comes to illness and to the life span, the best thing to do is to think of that relative, however distant, who has lived the longest.

—CEDRIC CARNE

When A Policeman Retires—What Does He Miss Most?

THE top cop—otherwise Sir John Reginald Hornby Nott-Bower, KCVO, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police—rummaged through the pile of official papers that littered the big desk at Scotland Yard.

When eventually he detected his filter-tipped cigarettes, he said: "I am retiring after five years as Commissioner because I think it is a mistake for anyone to stay too long in a big job. There is no other reason."

I waited for the man who has been a policeman for 47 years to investigate the case of the Missing Matchbox.

When he located them (under the current issue of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Bulletin) he said: "Although what I am going to do now I really don't know, I suppose I ought to write a book. But I won't."

"There have been too many books written about the police. Bad ones as well as good ones. For the time being I'll fish and golf and catch up on my reading."

Old style

And the literary tastes of a police commissioner? "Not unnaturally," said Sir John, "I consume a fair portion of crime fiction. But at 60 I suppose you will consider my tastes old-fashioned. Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie, you understand."

"Mickey Spillane? And who, sir, is Mickey Spillane?" I suggested facetiously that the Metropolitan Police Commissioner might while away his retired time watching the activities of Scotland Yard as portrayed by the television companies.

"Television?" said Sir John. "Bahl! It has a bad effect on young impressionable minds. Violence shown on television has been one of the causes of increased crime."

"I wouldn't have a television set in my home."

Yet he has used commercial television to attack television. He told TV interviewer Robin Day that crime had gone up since 1955 and, although it was difficult to put a finger on any particular cause, violence on television and certain American films had a contributory effect.

The route Sir John Nott-Bower took to the top police job in Britain started in 1911 when he joined the Indian Police as a

probationary assistant superintendent. ("It took seven years to lose the probationary and assistant titles.")

by RAMSDEN GREIG

with the Home Secretary and he has authorised me to say he has complete confidence in the integrity of the Metropolitan Police.

They found also that he could be a stickler for minor detail. In 1955 every station in the Metropolitan area received a blast about chewing gum—"a practice that must stop immediately."

There has not been a stick of chewing gum sold in a police canteen since.

Yet the man who modestly admits to quelling an uprising of the Hindustani Socialist Republican Army showed that he was capable of forgetting a little thing like keeping his Royal Fend licence up to date.

Sir John said: "One of my own constables 'booked' me for that offence. He was a young constable, very polite I remember. He told me to get my licence renewed or I would find myself in trouble."

In his flat

When a policeman retires what does he miss most?

In the case of the Commissioner it will, paradoxically, be a horse.

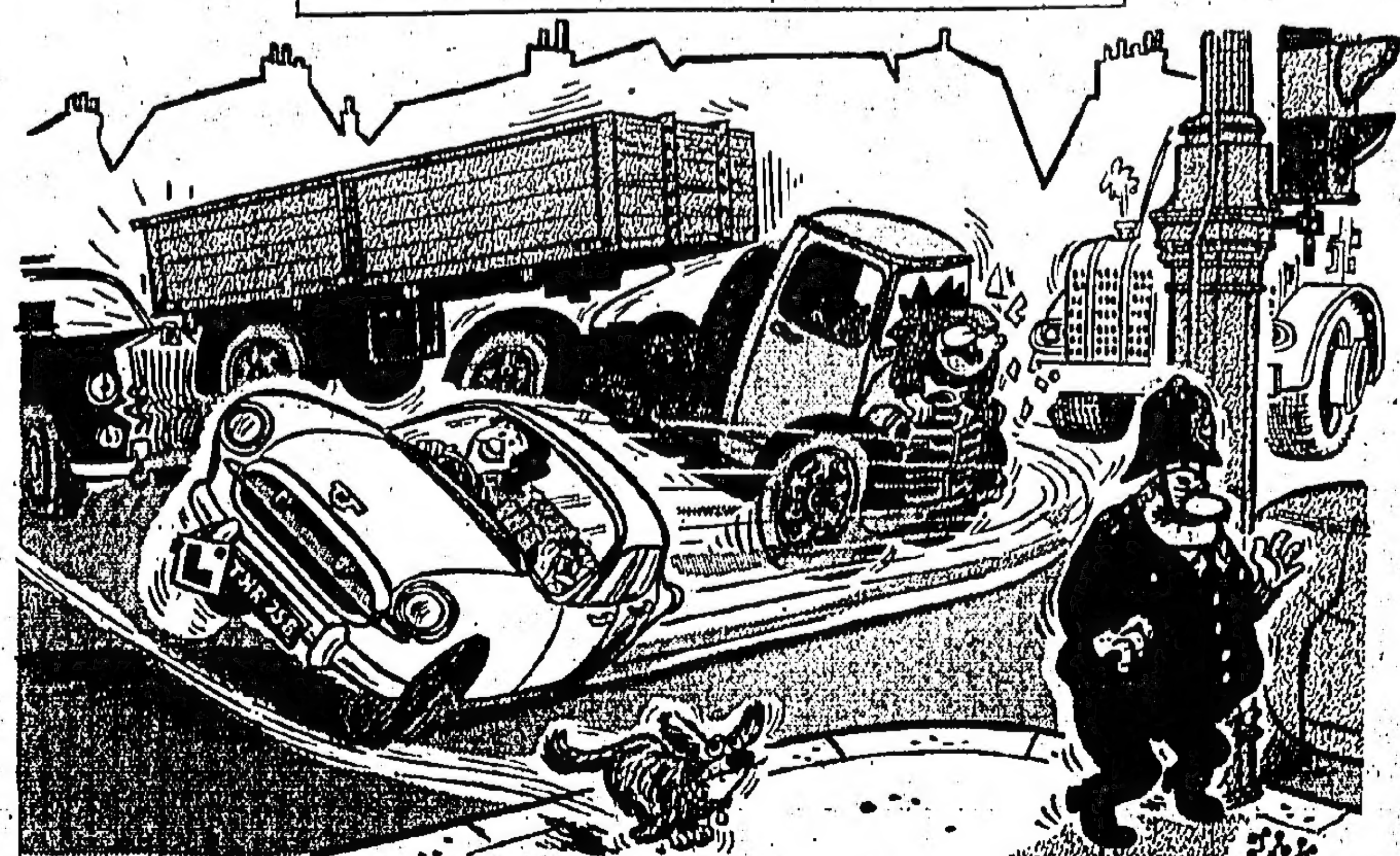
He explained: "I've loved horses since my years in India. I know every police horse on the streets of London. I ought to have bought every one personally."

Could I then assume that, eventually, I would hear of him with a house in the country and a field full of horses?


"You will still find me," said Sir John, "in my flat in Old Brompton Road. You must understand, sir, they don't pay fortunes to police commissioners."

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Super Safety Play
Rewards

By OSWALD JACOBY

HERE is an example of a super safety play from Marshall Miles' book.

East wins the opening heart lead with the ace and returns the seven. South gathers in the trick with the jack and notes that he is in a mighty good contract. It is a club that West doesn't have more than one spade and a five-diamond contract would wind up in the ashcan. Hence, if South is a

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♦ 8		
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♠ Q10753	♥ 94	
SOUTH		
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♥ K4		
♦ 75		
♠ AKJ62		
Both vulnerable		
East South West North		
1 ♠ 1 NT Pass 3 NT		
4 ♥ Double Pass 4 NT		
Pass Pass Pass		
Opening lead—♥ 3		

smart duplicate player he will make sure of his nice four-trump contract.

How does he go about it? Easy if he has seen all the cards and just as easy if he wants to play safe. He leads a diamond and ducks completely in dummy.

When East shows out his caution is rewarded. He must make six diamonds, two hearts and two clubs and his contract. Of course, if East should happen to gather in the trick with a singleton nine or ten, South will have lost a trick, but he could well afford it. A mentioning already, South was in a fine contract.

Furthermore, the safety play is not at all far-fetched. East had bid up to four hearts all by himself. He certainly would hold at least 11 cards in the major suits and could easily be void of diamonds.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

2 ♠ Pass ?

You, South, hold:

♠ A5 ♠ Q8543 ♠ Q865 AK2

What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. You are on your way to a slam but should set the diamond suit as a starter.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner continues with a bid of three no-trump. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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WORLD CUP SOCCER

Wales, Russia And N. Ireland Qualify For Quarter-Finals

HEROIC WIN BY WALES IN ROUGH GAME

Stockholm, June 17.

Wales and Northern Ireland, both 66-1 outsiders before the final series, and Russia, the Olympic champions, won tonight's World Soccer Cup play-offs in Sweden to qualify for the quarter-finals.

The red-shirted Welshmen, led by big John Charles, the star Juventus centre-forward, eliminated Hungary with a 2-1 victory here after the Hungarians had led 1-0 at halftime.

Northern Ireland, again showing the fighting spirit which has marked all their cup matches, beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in Malmö, matching their winning goal in extra time.

In a scrappy game, Russia ended England's run with a 1-0 victory in Gothenburg.

The quarter-final pairings on Thursday will be West Germany, (holders), versus Yugoslavia; Brazil versus Wales; Sweden versus Russia.

Hungary, twice runners-up for the Cup, resorted to rough tactics after Wales had taken the lead in the second half. Welsh inside-right Dave Howitt was kicked on the leg and had to be carried off.

Sent Off

The Soviet referee, Mr. Latychev, sent off Hungarian centre-half, Ferenc Sipos, in the closing minutes, and at the end the Hungarians were booed off the field.

A player was also sent off in the Malmö match. French referee Maurice Guigue, a Marseilles gendarme, ordered off Tihus Babernik, the Czechoslovakian right-half, for arguing about a decision just after Ireland had taken the lead in the seventh minute of extra time.

Russia's winning goal against England, by outside-left Anatole Ilyin in the 68th minute, glanced in off the upright.

Peter McParland, Aston Villa left-winger, again proved the

match-winner for Northern Ireland, one of the smallest nations entered for the competition. Zdenek Zikan got Czechoslovakia the lead after 20 minutes, but the quicksilver McParland shot home an equaliser in the dying seconds of the first half, and it was he who crashed in the winning goal in the extra period.

Real Hero

But the real hero of the Irish triumph was reserve goalkeeper Norman Uppichard, of Portsmouth, who played through most of the game with a badly twisted ankle and, as disclosed after the match, with a broken bone in his left hand. Yet he still made some daring saves, his display must be down as one of the most heroic in the competition.

England...0 Russia...1

England again gave an inept forward display to be beaten 1-0 by Russia and eliminated from the World Cup.

Peter Brabrook, the Chelsea outside-right, justified his first cap, though he had bad luck with scoring efforts. The approach work was reasonably good, but the finishing was feeble.

Weakest link in the line was again Derek Kevlin, the West Bromwich Albion centre-forward, who was easily disposed of by the Russian defence. He was slow to shoot and was frequently out of position.

Most of the luck of the game went to the Russians, but England, with almost three-quarters of the play, should have been able to win.

Peter Brabrook, the second new cap in the side, schemed well, and the recent right wing was the most dangerous section of the attack.

Brabrook was right out of luck with two shots which hit the upright and rebounded into play. Russia, on the other hand, got the winning goal with a shot by outside-left Anatole Ilyin, which glanced in off the upright.

One of England's worst misses came in nine minutes after the Russians had taken the lead, when Johnny Haynes missed an open goal from less than ten yards out. There were many other good chances, all of them missed.

Despite the disappointing effect of the forwards' inability to turn their opportunities into goals, the England defence again played an excellent game. Centre-half Billy Wright and the full-backs, Don Howe and Tommy Banks, covered up magnificently, and Colin McDonald had another fine game in goal.

Wales...2 Hungary...1

Wales, by beating Hungary 2-1 in their World Cup play-off qualified for the quarter-finals for the first time in their history.

Hungary were leading 1-0 at half time but Wales fought back after the interval and goals by Ivor Allchurch (55 minutes) and Terry Madwin (76 minutes) gave their side victory.

This was a magnificent display by Wales against a team

whose questionable tactics earned them the boos of the small crowd as they left the field, when the Soviet referee Mr. Latychev sent off Ferenc Sipos, put an end to the vicious hucking and body checking by the Hungarians after Wales scored their second goal.

From the first whistle Wales fought for every ball, made the running, and generally rose to great heights for a team which had only qualified for the last 16 by an extra preliminary tie.

Though many of their players showed anger at the Hungarian methods — even the placid John Charles — the Welsh players never lost their heads and never forgot to play football.

John Charles, though limping for most of the second half, was a constant danger and Ivor Allchurch, the star of the match, ran himself to a standstill.

The Hungarians at first had the pace and speed to win this match, and it looked as if they had it down when centre-forward Tihus Babernik shot through a crowd of players to score in the 34th minute.

But Wales came out for the second half and immediately showed they were far from beaten. Their constant hammering brought the much-deserved equaliser in the 56th minute and the winning shot 21 minutes later.

N. Ireland...2 Slovakia...1

Northern Ireland, the "Cinderella" team of the World Cup, qualified for the quarter-finals by beating Czechoslovakia 2-1 in a play-off.

Chief architect of the splendid Irish victory was outside-left Peter McParland, who scored both goals, one in extra time.

He hit the equaliser seconds before half-time after Czechoslovakia had taken a 20th-minute lead through outside-left Zdenek Zikan.

Northern Ireland were without goalkeeper Harry Gregg, but his deputy, Norman Uppichard, played magnificently in spite of an early leg injury.

Northern Ireland were in Czechoslovakian territory for long periods in the second half. The forwards had chances of giving the Irish the lead but they either shot wide or hit a post.

Play became rough, with frequent questionable tactics and much obstruction, leading to a spate of free kicks, mainly to Northern Ireland.

In making a desperate diving save, Uppichard collided with his own left-half, Peacock, and the latter had to go off for a few minutes for attention.

Then the Czechoslovakian centre-forward, Feurahl, pulled a muscle and also left the field. At one stage several players were lying on the ground.

Northern Ireland's second goal came after a 30-yards free kick by Cuth, which Blanchflower chipped across to the unmarked McParland, with Dolejal at the far end of the net.

Czechoslovakia attacked desperately in the last ten minutes, but in an Irish raid the limping Peacock got the ball, and Dolejal, only to be ruled offside.

The referee seemed prepared to give a goal, but changed his mind after consultation with a linesman. — Reuters.

China Win International Cup BOTH TEAMS PROVIDE GOOD ENTERTAINMENT IN VERY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

I don't know how you spent your time in last night's drizzling rain but I can assure you that twenty-two courageous footballers tried their best to provide worthwhile soccer entertainment for a small but equally courageous crowd at the Club Stadium.

The occasion was the final of the International Cup and China slithered, skidded, and scampered to a victory that was never quite as convincing as the 8-3 scoresheet suggests. There were long periods in fact when the British Commonwealth side was every bit as good as the Chinese but their defence made too many vital mistakes when the pressure was on.

The game was played in conditions which could only be described as exciting. The ball shot off the rain soaked surface like a bullet and the man in possession always called the tune.

In spite of the difficulties under foot, the players managed to move the game along at a lively pace and although there was little classic football there were incidents aplenty punctuated here and there with a roar raising thrill.

Some of the goalmouth mêlées in the mud were really exciting and as players who were almost indistinguishable in their saturated strips scrambled and struggled to get a foot to the ball, spectators belowed their voices encouragement.

Not by any standard could it be called a great game — there were far too many mistakes and loose ends for that — but the players were always trying and it was impossible not to admire their enthusiasm.

Patchy Affair

The Commonwealth side was a patchy affair both fore and aft. Goalkeeper McNicol got a big hand from the crowd when he stepped up to get his medal at the end, but it was really a salute to a footballer who has given good value for money this season. It certainly was not justified on his performance last night.

In the first half, particularly, the soldier touched rock bottom and his handling of the sodden ball was rank bad. He seemed to be blaming his gloves but that is never an acceptable excuse. Suitable gloves are tools of the goalkeeping trade and a player of McNicol's experience should be fully prepared to meet all sorts of conditions.

In the first half of this game he dropped the ball time after time and his uncertainty spread eventually to the remainder of the defenders.

He salvaged something of his reputation with a couple of good saves late in game but it is not easy to forget his first half display.

Devis and Bux played much too square in conditions that made recovery nearly impossible. Several of China's goals came from thrusts which split the loose defence and made the most of the clear path through the middle.

Woodcock tried desperately to cover up for both backs and thus proved his undoing as little Au Chi-yin made the most of the chances which occurred to pop in three good goals.

Best Of Evening

Mendum was always willing — occasionally too willing — to go up into the attack and his goal was the best of the evening. He nearly got his name on the scoring list twice more. One effort was charged down by a rather fortunate Chinese defender while only a spot on McNicol's agility stopped his next try.

I haven't got my facts mixed. The Colony right-half very nearly sent one through his own goal in a hectic period in the first half.

Poole, like Woodcock, worked very hard but his tackle on Ho Cheung-yau which resulted in a penalty, and China's eighth goal, was as crude and thoughtless as anything we have seen in a long time.

The Royal Navy right-wing of Travis and Shelton did very well indeed and showed why the Sailors have been so successful in the Second Division this

season. Roy Moss has had little opportunity for training since his return with the Colony team from Singapore. This was reflected in his play. He was slow on the turn and cumbersome on the move, but he kept plugging away and one grand header in the first half deserved a goal. It was headed off the goal line by Kwok Kam-hung with Wal Fat-kim beaten all ends up.

Defended Valiantly

In the China side Szeto Yiu and Kwok Kam-hung defended valiantly but neither Tang Sum nor Lam Sheng-yee were very happy and the latter had a shaky time at centre-half. Chan Chi-kong was back to something that looked like the player he was when he played in South China's star-studded side a year ago.

Au Chi-yin got three goals and that is a good performance by any standards. He got able support from Ho Cheung-yau and Lo Kwok-tai. Both wingers — Lam Kam-long and Lau Chi-lum — were playing out of position but they did it with so little effort that they looked as though they had played on the wing for years.

Referee Mak Yeung-fai did not have one of his better games. On a wet treacherous ground he failed to use the advantage rule to real advantage.

Frequently during the game he blew up for a freekick when real justice would have been done by allowing the play to proceed. Once in the second half he unconsciously ignored the 10 yards rule when China were awarded a freekick just outside the Commonwealth penalty area and in spite of protests by the Chinese players, he allowed Mendum to take up a completely irregular position at a freekick, and doing a spot of calculated distraction when the penalty kick was awarded.

These things serve as little pointers to find otherwise intelligent players peraling with them.

Fine Goal

In the second half Moss was blatantly fouled in the penalty box by Szeto Yiu when he looked like scoring, but the incident was allowed to pass without a decision from the man with the whistle.

The game started punctually in a heavy downpour and in the second minute Ho Cheung-yau left McNicol sprawling with a first time shot that finished in the back of the net.

In the 15th minute Mendum carved his way right through the China defence and finished with

a brilliant loft foot shot which found a resting place in the back of the net. A fine goal indeed and the score was level again. Equally was short lived. China immediately carried the ball to the other end and Au Chi-yin brought a bluish to McNicol's face as he beat him to the jump and headed home. Lau Chi-lum made it 3-1 a couple of minutes later and just on the half hour Au Chi-yin got China's fourth with a typical overhead shot after McNicol had allowed the ball to slip from his grasp for a corner.

Moss was always looking for a scoring chance and pulled the score back to 4-2 in the 36th minute with a fine effort, but just before the interval Au Chi-yin got his own third and his side's fifth goal to give China an imposing lead of 5-2 at the half way stage.

The second half had hardly got underway before Travis had the ball in the net behind a rather surprised Wal Fat-kim but China's sloppy forwards would not be pinned down and goals by Lo Kwok-tai and Lam Kam-long made the score 7-3 before Tang Sum scored from the penalty spot after Poole had fouled Ho Cheung-yau in the cruelest possible manner in the 18 yards box.

The trophy was presented to the victorious China side by Dr. The Hon. A. C. Rodrigues, Vice-President of the Hongkong Football Association.

VERDICT. In the most difficult of conditions the players managed to put on an entertaining encounter. The better team won.

There were too many cheap dramatics in the Commonwealth side such as kicking the ball away when an offence was penalised, obstructing the kicker at a freekick, and doing a spot of calculated distraction when the penalty kick was awarded.

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The Teams

China: Wal Fat-kim, Szeto Yiu, Kwok Kam-hung, Tang Sum, Lam Sheng-yee, Chan Chi-kong, Lau Chi-lum, Ho Cheung-yau, Au Chi-yin, Lo Kwok-tai, Lam Kam-long.

British Commonwealth: McNicol, Davis, Bux, Mendum, Woodcock, Poole, Shelton, Travis, Moss, McKenzle, McDowell.

TWO WORLD RECORDS

Tokyo, June 17.

Japan's Takashi Ishimoto today unofficially set a new record for the 100 metres butterfly stroke by swimming the distance in 60.7 seconds.

Ishimoto set the mark at the Metropolitan Indoor swimming pool here, where he is training for the forthcoming United States-Japan swimming meet. — Franco-Press.

Prague, June 17.

Czech parachutist Frantisek Suchy, last night beat the world record by making an instantaneous opening jump from 5,050 metres without breathing apparatus.

The performance was made over the Louny aerodrome in Northern Bohemia and is the fourth world record beaten by the Czech parachutists who are training there for the world championships in September. — Franco-Press.

Royal Ascot SANDIACRE WINS FEATURE RACE Even Money Takes Gold Vase Race

Ascot, June 17.

Mr Martin Cowley, Derbyshire contractor and builder, today won the feature race on the opening day of Royal Ascot with his first runner at the meeting.

His game six-year-old Sandiacre, winner previously of the Cesarewitch and the Chester Cup, finished strongly to win the Ascot Stakes, a Handicap over two miles four furlongs, winning 2,797 sterling for his owner. He started at 100 to 7.

Sandiacre was ridden by Royal jockey Harry Carr, who completed a double by winning the Coventry Stakes of 2,674 sterling on Hieroglyph for American owner Mrs John W. Hannes.

Hieroglyph (Heliopolis — pocket edition) was bred in the United States and was the first two-year-old winner saddled this season by Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochford, the Queen's trainer.

The winner started at 10 to one for the six furlongs race. He scored by a length from the French challenger Taboun.

A Record

Another American-owned winner was Mr Carleton H. Palmer's Irish-trained three-year-old Even Money, who set a record for the two miles course by clocking 3 mins 27.60 secs in the Ascot Gold Vase.

Mr Palmer, a retired New York businessman, won 2,188 sterling by Even Money's victory and the colt, starting favourite 9 to 4, landed a gamble.

Like Mr Cowley, Mr Palmer had never before had a runner at the Royal meeting.

Mr H. J. Joel's Major Portion, second to the Queen's Mill Maid in the 2,000 Guineas, com-

fortably beat Derby fallures Geraldine and Bald Eagle in the 4,804 sterling St. James's Palace stakes, over a mile. Major Portion was favourite at even.

The meeting opened in the traditional manner with Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Party driving down the course in open state landaus. It was an umbrella welcome, as drizzling rain fell before and during the meeting. The Queen had no runners today.

Despite the rain, there was the usual array of fashion among women racegoers, whose escorts wore top hats and morning dress.

Results

GOLD VASE

1. Even Money (9 to 4).
2. Owen Glendower (100 to 8).
3. Red Dragon (7 to 1).

Even Money won by five lengths, with half a length between second and third.

ASCOT STAKES

1. Sandiacre (100 to 7).
2. Seleucus (100 to 6).
3. Garibaldi (5 to 1).

Sandiacre won by one and a half lengths with one length between second and third. — Reuters.

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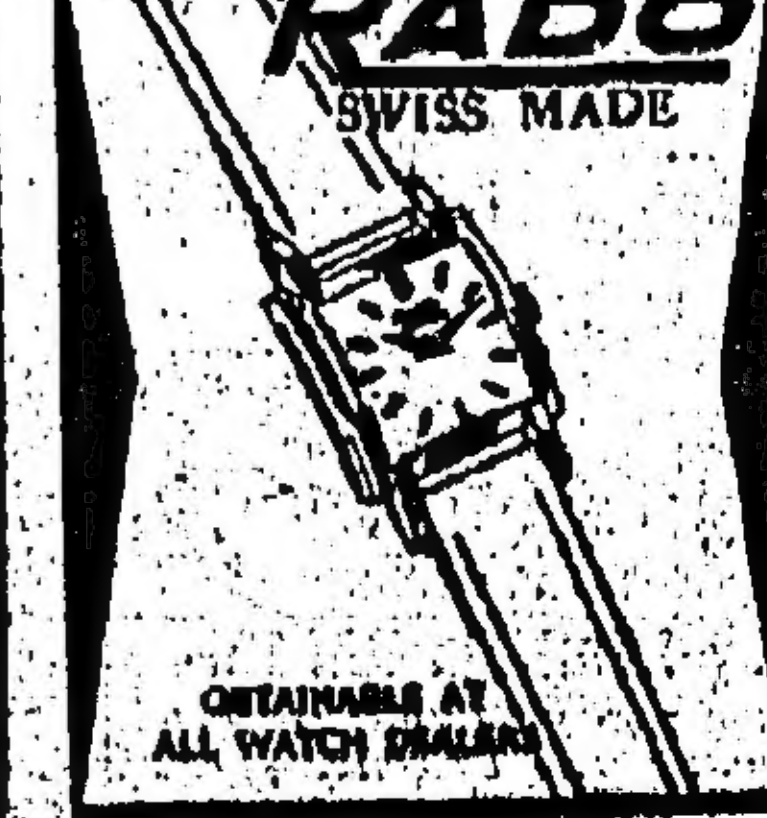
YOU'RE NOT - I CAN'T HAVE THE DAY OFF



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SPORTS PICTORIAL



The visiting Malayan University sports contingent were entertained to tea by the Hongkong University Alumni Association on Sunday. Seen at the function are: (left to right) Mr. Oi Yok-han, Dr. Peter Lee, Mr. N. Arumugam, Mr. R. Kandasamy, Mr. Harry Check.



An incident in the World Cup Soccer match in which England drew 0-0 with Brazil. Photo shows England goal-keeper McDonald (hands up) colliding with fellow player Billy Wright (captain) and Brazil player (No. 20) during the game. — Central Press Photo.



TOP: 17-year-old CHRISTINE TRUMAN played a decisive role in Britain's recent Wightman Cup victory over USA after a lapse of 28 years.

Christine beat Mrs D. P. Knode 6-4, 6-4, on the first day of the match and followed this up by defeating Wimbledon champion Althea Gibson on the second day by 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Photo shows her in action against Mrs Knode. — Central Press Photo.

LEFT: Mr. J. Van Steenberg, winner of the RNVF Memorial Vase is seen receiving his prize from Mrs D. E. Stock, wife of the Commodore of RHKYC while Mr Stewart Collier looks on. — China Mail Photo.

BELOW: Christine is down but not out in her match against Althea Gibson. She is shown playing a shot from the ground. — Reuter Photo.



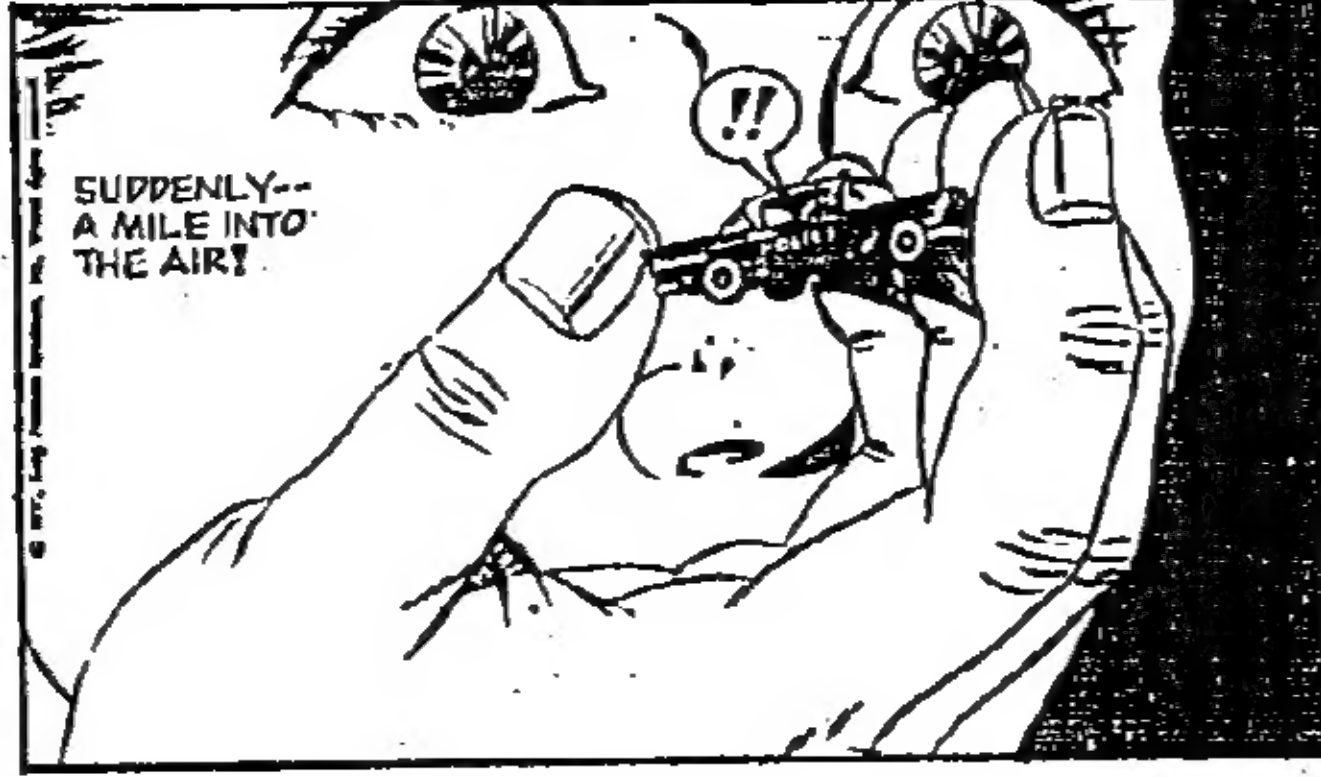
TOP: Winners of the 4 X 100 metres Ladies' Relay event in the Secondary Schoolgirls' Swimming Meet last Saturday, in the record time of six minutes 40.6 seconds. The New Method College team are from left to right: Misses Tsui Man-mui, Ng Kit-chun, Luk Kam-kuen, Cheung King-wah.

BELOW: At the Ladies' Recreation Club children's swimming gala last Saturday.



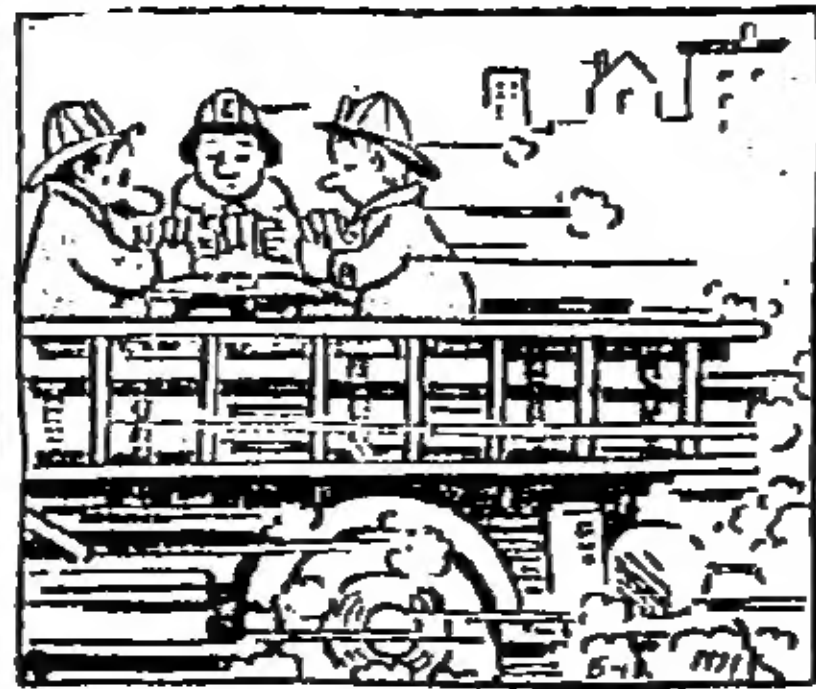
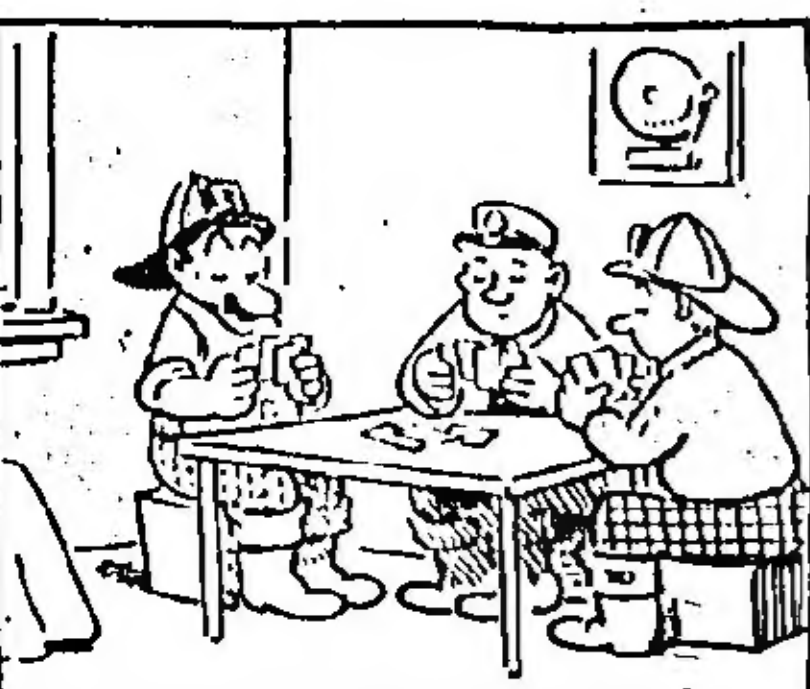
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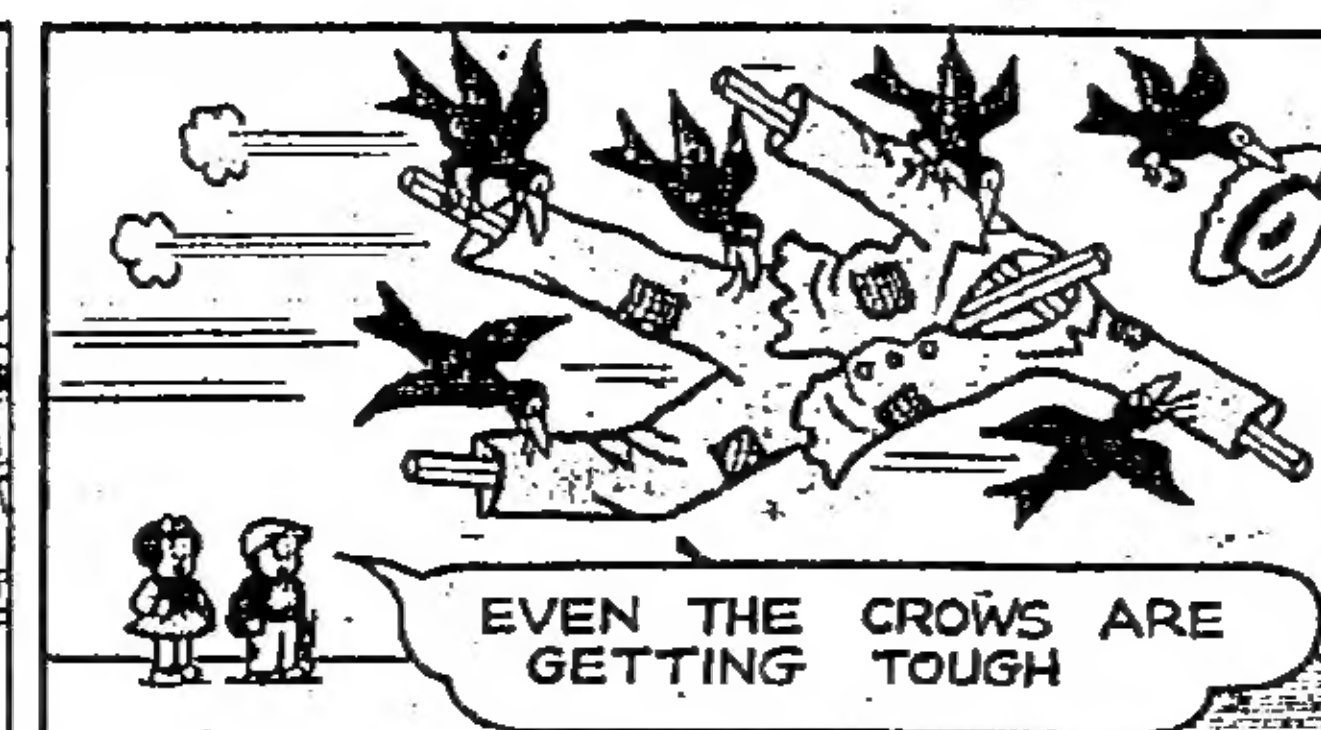
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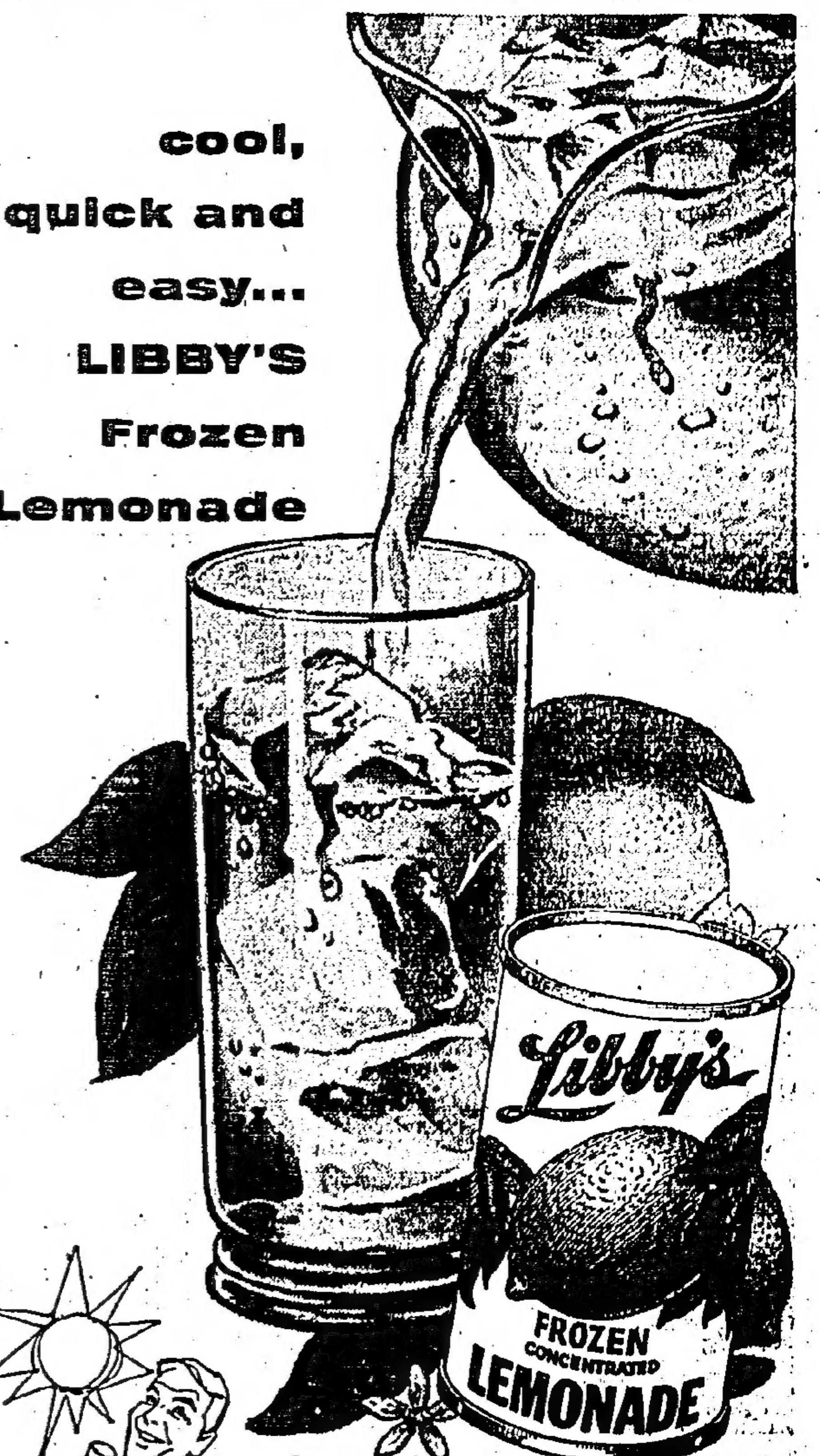


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held at the Head Office of
the Company, Third Floor,
Gloucester Building, Des
Vaux Road, Central, Hong
Kong on Thursday, the 19th
June, 1958 at 12.30 p.m. to
receive and consider the
Directors' Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1957,
to elect Directors, to appoint
Auditors, to sanction Divi-
dends and to transact any
other business of an Ord-
inary General Meeting.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 12th June, 1958 to the
19th June, 1958, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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HONG KONG 31st May, 1958.

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Report On England

London Can't Take It

WE dropped through
the clouds and the
plane began to level out,
and my first glimpse of
London was through a
hole in the clouds. There
she lay, a huge
sprawling monster,
bathed in the watery
yellow light of a June
afternoon.

As we flattened out to ap-
proach the runway of London
Airport, the streets were plainly
visible, the cars packed bumper
to bumper. It seemed like an
array of ants about to swarm on
London town. But nowhere
among that swarm was the
familiar red of the London bus.
And there begins this tale.

HUNGRY 30s.

I am a Londoner bred and
born, and in my time I have seen
tribulations in this strike. I
can remember the General Strike
of 1926 when London was short
of all transport. I can remember
London of the hungry thirties
when people just hadn't the
money to get about. I remember
with pride London of the
forties when "London Can Take
It" was a phrase that set the
Free World ablaze with pride,
and all of London heritage
shared, even by proxy, the pride
that London bore.

But this time it is different.
Never before I seen the
Cockney put his hat between his
legs, and whimper in pathetic
acceptance of yet another heavy
burden.

The Londoners I knew would
have done something about it.
They would have risen, they
would have fought someone to
get on with the job of getting the
buses on the streets again. But
as I write, the bus strike is in its
thirty-eighth day, and not a thing
has been done. This time the
Londoners are too feeble, too
apathetic, too weary; in short,
they are licked. One man, Mr.
Cousins, the Trade Union leader
can kick them round just how
and when he likes.

The fact is, the Public does
not like the strike, and is not

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen &
Bayes-Davies at 101's Wharf from
10 a.m. on June 19 and 20, 1958
and consignees are requested to have
their representatives present during
the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hong Kong, June 17, 1958.

In favour of it. The Union do not
like the strike, and in spite of
Mr. Cousins' efforts, other leaders
refuse to come out on strike in
sympathy with Mr. Cousins' de-
mands. The whole of London
Town is sick to death of it. But
as far as I can see, in all this
great town of teeming millions,
there is not one person of
sufficient energy or courage to
take the lead and demand an
end to it all.

SPIDER'S WEB

Look at what it means to the
average person. In spite of
London's huge spider's web of
Underground Railways, there is
still a huge area, principally that
area served by the suburban
lines of the London & North
Eastern Railway, where there is
no Underground. The only way
for the people to get to work is
to walk.

Motorists are offering lifts.
Every relic of the motor age is
on the streets, but they cannot
hope to deal with the situation.

The chances are, he will not
offer anyone a free lift again,
and I am told it will cost him
£50 to repair his car.

The other night I stood at
Oxford Circus watching the
people make their way home. It
was drizzling with rain, a mis-
erable evening, and the home going
workers were making for the
Underground.

NOT ONE

Those of you who know Oxford
Circus will appreciate this.
There was a queue stretching
from the station right round to
the Palladium. They were wait-
ing for their turn to get into the
station, after which they had to
wait to get on the train. But
there they were, sheep-like, not
knowing, but pathetically feel-
ing, that one voice was raised in
protest.

The tragic side of things is,
most of the busmen are not in
favour of continuing the strike.
I do not make this statement idly,
but only after checking up for

by JOHN LUFF

Old people wait at bus stops, and
wave the car owner to stop,
which he invariably does, and
takes them on their way, but
only a few can hope to profit
by this Samaritan service.

Once people are home, they
bathe their sore feet and stay in
for the night, as a consequence
suburban London is dead. The
streets are deserted after seven
o'clock at night. A casual visitor
would imagine that a plague had
visited the town, and the people
had flown off to safety.

In characteristic style, the
London Evening News started
a series of readers' letters,
awarding a prize for anecdotes
of the strike, which were chiefly
of a humorous nature. But the
series is ended, the strike is not
funny any more.

Most of the stories printed
were funny. They told of sore
feet, or of middle aged char-
women trying to get a lift in
competition with charming young
typists. But the fun has run
out. Tired people find it diffi-
cult to laugh at the same thing
day after day.

Then there is a side to it which
isn't funny. One motorist
stopped to offer a lift to two
women. He drove them to their
destination, but when he got
home, he found all his back seat
shredded to ribbons, and a card
told him he was a black dog,
and not to offer people free lifts.

I visited the depots of
the following London Transport
Depots, Tottenham and Wood
Green, and spoke to some of the
strikers. They do not want to
see their Union broken, for they
are loyal Trades Unionists, but
they feel that there are at least
reasonable grounds to resume
work while negotiations proceed-
ed in a less bitter atmosphere
than in the atmosphere of a
strike. Furthermore, they are
conscious of a lack of public
sympathy which accompanies
the strike.

I was fortunate in looking up
a Hongkong girl who is studying
Social Services in London, and
was able to discover the outlook
of many of the strikers' wives.
Of course, the brunt of a social
upheaval falls on the home, and
the very few pounds a week
strike pay coming into the home
secret of the year in an industry
which as a rule does not keep
its secrets too well.

The fact of the matter is, the
whole strike has settled down to
a personal conflict between Mr.
Frank Cousins and the British
Government. Mr. Cousins has
fallen in that he has not suc-
ceeded in getting his vast Trans-

port and General Workers'
Union to come out on strike.
The Government failed in that
it was unable to arrange a basis
of general agreement.

LOP-SIDED

The Transport and General
Workers' Union is about as
lop-sided as a conglomeration
of workers as you are likely to find.
Of its million and a half mem-
bers, the busmen number only
80,000. Most of the other mem-
bers have nothing in common
with the aims and aspirations of
the busmen. For instance, a
provincial coffin maker is not
going on strike because a London
busman refuses to negotiate or is
adamant before any compromise.
That is the situation at the
moment. Someone has got to
give way, and that means loss
of prestige. Mr. Cousins has
determined he will not give in.
The Government is equally
determined not to give way.

As I see it, the affair of
Government and Unions has
moved away from the people
whichever happens. Mr. Cousins
will not suffer unless his Union
revaults, and in their own
interests, they are not likely to
do so. His huge salary goes on
whether there is a strike or no
strike. The modern Trade
Union leader is no longer one of
the workers, but a bureaucratic
living apart and above the
workers.

On the other hand, Govern-
ment can hold out, because
Government salaries continue.
It is the people who suffer.
Food prices are unbelievably
high, strike pay is totally in-
adequate to meet the demands
of modern prices.

It seems monstrous that in the
twin grip of these modern
bureaucratic institutions, the
people are strangled.
The quarrel continues as I
type this out, and there seems
no hope of a settlement.

THE PEOPLE

But most of all I blame the
people of London. Not a voice
has been raised in protest about
their pathetic lot as they tramp
miserably to work. They have
to me a wretched and dejected
lot as I have ever come across.
Surely these eight million
could do something. Surely
they realise that in the
end, real power and policy is in
their hands. But no. They put
up with it, their famous historical
defiance is lost. Eight
million sheep who have lost their
way, bah... bah... bah.
They would have said, "The
buses shall run and Government
and Trades Union will
negotiate." But London has lost
its famous pride as my next
article will tell you.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

STC Bans Bookies

And What A Howl It Causes!

Sydney.
TWO shocks of the week were announcements that the jackpot racing
tote is to end and that the Sydney Turf Club is to ban bookmakers
for a trial period beginning January 1, 1959.

They were shocks inasmuch
as no one quite expects any race
gamble such as the jackpot tote
to end once it starts, and book-
makers have become so much a
part of the Australian racing
scene that it is difficult to
imagine race meetings without
them.

The jackpot tote was in-
troduced for the specific pur-
pose of wooing back cash
customers to the race track.
Race club authorities hoped that
the lure of big cash for little
outlay would pack the stands.

Didn't Work

It did not work that way.
Firstly, there were even less
people in the stands, and it was
demonstrated time after time
that only folding money had a
chance of taking out the jackpot.

The lone \$5 punter had almost
no chance of picking the five
jackpot winners, but those who
could afford to bet four, five or
six horses in a race—they were
the people taking home the big
cash.

And there was some really
big money about the race track.
The jackpot operated for 29
meetings and £750,000 was
invested in the pool. Only at
one of those meetings was the
jackpot not won and £14,198
was carried over. The largest
single dividend paid was
£23,055.10.

During the period that jack-
pots operated, attendances drop-
ped by 40,000 over the same
period last year.
Sydney Turf Club decision to
trial period come as a real
shock. It was also the best kept
secret of the year in an industry
which as a rule does not keep
its secrets too well.

The STC Committee claims
that by abolishing bookmakers
the club will be able to give
bigger prize money and offer
better facilities to the public—
but before burning the last
bookies' bag wants to see if this
theory works out in practice—
hence the trial run.
Bookmakers, of course, are
putting on their war paint. They
have quoted a number of
figures, incidentally, (and which
have not been disputed)—where

the book's starting price has, in
many instances, and particular-
ly with favourites, been the
same as the totalisator.
Leaving aside the merits and
demerits of the decision, it is
certain that Sydney race meeting
will not be the same without a
bawling bookie.

★ ★ ★

It would be nice to see a piece
of decent Australian fish occa-
sionally. City shops are at
present advertising Danish
salmon; African lake; Dutch
herrings; Japanese flounder;
Scottish kippers; New Zealand
blue cod, English plaice and
Chinese prawns, but not a men-
tion of anything from our own
rock of the sea.

★ ★ ★

Motorists this week had their
year's scream of rage when
General Motors - Holden -
makers of the Australian car—
announced record profits of
£11,872,000, after putting away
a few odd millions for taxation,
and another million or so into
various sinking funds.

Since the advent of the Holden
in 1948 GM-H has earned a
total of £58.4 million. This
yearly £17,000,000 profit is con-
sidered a record for the firm.
Investors, has stirred the critics
deeply.

While there may be truth in
the argument that the car should
be sold cheaper and less profits
made, the boot is not all on the
Holden foot.
About 68,600 Australians
depend directly on the company
for their weekly pay envelope.
The sector of the people are em-
ployed in its own factories and
it is one of the largest employers
in the country. The rest is
made up by salesmen employed
by various firms, sub-contractors
and so forth. Indirectly it gives
employment to many more
thousands.

Taxation

From employees' wages, sales
tax on cars and strings-out
taxation of company profits, a
total of £24 million was paid in
taxation last year was richer
by £24 million because of the
Holden success. Of this amount,
£5.5 million was straight-out
taxation on profits, which is
a nice shot in the arm for any
Treasurer.

One of our "brains" has
worked it out that in 1957 a
Holden standard sedan cost
£240 to make; the profit to the
company was £170; the dealers'
margin £100—but sales tax
£220—by far the lion's share.

Flashback: It is interesting
to note that while for the last
few years GM-H has churned
out record profits, there are
people with the outfit today
who can painfully remember
record losses.
In 1931—the deep part of the
depression, General Motors-
Holden went £561,000 into the
red—an unheard of amount in
those days. In the next 18
months another £297,000 went
down the drain and it seemed
that the next job to be offered
would be to a liquidator.
Today GM-H is riding on
balloon tyres, and the road
ahead seems smooth and clear.

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Tout of the week is to Rear-
Admiral H.B. Farquhar who, at
59, has been called to the Bar
and will begin practice as a
barrister.

The Admiral retired from the
Australian Navy in 1951 after 38
years service, much of it served
in two wars, and ended up one
of the most highly decorated of
the senior officers.
Soon after leaving the navy
he began law studies and served

as an associate to one of our
judges for a time while studying
for his Barristers' Admission
Board examination—a pretty
hefty type of brain exercise
for anyone in their 50's, but no
doubt doubly hard for an
admiral used to commanding
and getting things done his way.

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There has been a minor out-
cry against a suburban bus pro-
prietor who has jacked up six-
pence a week "to pay for their
vandalism".

He is not the first one to be
hit by Junior's urge for destruc-
tion. The Railways Department
estimates that school-going
youngsters do between £20,000
and £40,000 worth of damage to
electric train seat covers
alone. Making good torn fabric
—mostly done with razor blades
—keeps 17 men constantly
employed.

Man Alleges Beating By Policemen

A 35-year-old unemployed
man alleged in Kowloon
Court this morning he had
been beaten up by three
or four detectives.
The case was heard by Mr. T.
Creedon.

The defendant, Wong Sung-
yee, who is charged with two
counts of larceny involving the
theft of two watches valued at
\$30 and \$50, told the Magistrate
that at about noon on Monday,
he had been arrested and as-
saulted four times in the C.I.D.
room of Police Headquarters.

When asked by the Magis-
trate if he could recognise any
of the detectives who he
claimed had assaulted him, the
defendant pointed to a plain
clothes detective.

Defendant claimed he had
been given 20 to 30 blows with
a hammer on each occasion by
the detectives. He added he
had not made any report to the
Police about this.

The Magistrate remanded him
in gaol custody for three days,
and asked the Court Inspector
to have him taken to hospital
immediately for examination.

TARGET

HOW many
of four words
or more can
you find in
the square
below? Each
letter in the
square is the
first letter of
a word in the
world. The
words may be
used once
only. The
large letter in
the centre
square, and must
be used in
each word.
No plurals, no
foreign
words.
TODAY'S TARGET: 40 words,
good, very good or
excellent. 80 points to
tomorrow.

Yesterday's SOLUTION: 50 words
used, and one word not used
which was "BUTTER". The best
solution was "BUTTER" and "BUTTER"
and "BUTTER" and "BUTTER".

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I OFTEN wonder whether
Cabinet Ministers take an
intensive course of instruction
on how to answer questions
in the House. It requires training
to say—

"Having regard to my pre-
vious answer, in which I ex-
plained that it was not possible
to go beyond what I said in
reply to the question, and hav-
ing regard to the circumstances
obtaining at the time, and still
obtaining at this moment, I do
not feel that any useful purpose
would be served by my re-
committing myself to a question
which, taking all I have said
into consideration, does not
arise, or, if it arises, does not
permit of an answer other than
the answer given formerly, as
such."

Was it a headpecker?
"You say," said the magis-
trate, with a very smile,
"that this woodpecker pecked
your hat. Do you think it was
trying to get at your head?"
"My hat was not made of
wood," replied the man. "And
what about your head?" queried
the magistrate sardonically. "I

do not follow you," said the
man. "If you did," repeated the
magistrate, "I should have you
arrested as a pickpocket." "On
what evidence?" asked the man.
"The evidence of my eyes,"
responded the magistrate. "You
look like a pickpocket." "What
has that got to do with my
having my hat pecked, or rather
pecked?" asked the man. "Let
it pass, let it pass," said the
magistrate. "That was but a just
New. Did the peck penetrate
your hat?" "It left a hole as
large as a shilling, right through
the lining." "Then, undoubtedly,
it was after your head," said the
magistrate. "You should wear
a thicker hat. Case dismissed."

Immortal hostess

A CORRESPONDENT says
that nowadays "Courtesy"
to the elderly is dying out.
One moment, Did not the poet
write some very moving lines to
Lady Cabanot?

Others may say the charm
of youth and grace,
All the Spring's magic in a
lovely face;
Yet you shall live for ever in
my rhyme.
A rose-red hostess half as old
as Time.

MAIL NOTICES

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18
By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, 5 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 5 p.m.
THURSDAY JUNE 19
By Air
Lous, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, Ceylon, India, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 2
p.m.
U.S.A. 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9 a.m.
Hawaii, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Italy, France, Bel-
gium, Netherlands, Germany, (Bel-
gium, Cyprus, Faroe Islands via Marseilles)
(Switzerland via Genoa), 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Europe, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.



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in colour.
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Escape
From San Quentin." Johnny
Depp as a prisoner.
LEE & ASTOR: "The Girl Most
Likely." Starring Jane Farrow.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Case
Of The Red Monkey." Starring
Richard Conte.
QUEEN'S "Moulin Rouge." Jose
Ferrer.
ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "Fragile."
Starring Debra
Wynne and Mel Ferrer.
HITZ: "Decision At Midnight."
Starring Robert
Landolph.
CAPITOL: "Our Girl Friday."
Castaways on an island.

PARAMOUNT: "Donnie Scot-
land." A Laurel and Hardy
comedy.

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and Olga, and Olga, French
TV star Jacqueline.
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Atienza Sisters, acrobats and
"Fire Dancers" and Candy Lee.

RADIO HONGKONG
5.30 p.m., Evening Serenade; 6
Time Signal, Lucky Dip presented
by Marguerite; 7, French songs by
Claude Swearingen; 7.30, Time For
Jazz; 7.50, Weather Report; 8, Time
Signal; 8.15, Patchwork; 8.30, Time
Signal; 8.45, The Day Bridge disaster by
John F. Kennedy; 9, Time Signal;
9.15, News; 9.30, Time Signal; 9.45,
News and Home News from Britain; 10.15,
Time Signal; 10.30, Weather Report;
11, Time Signal; 11.15, News; 11.30,
Close Down.

REDIFFUSION
3 p.m., Wednesday Concert
by the Hong Kong Sinfonia; 4.30,
The Major's Song; 5, The Two For
Two; 5.30, Sunday edition; 6, The
Corner; 6.30, Wednesday Redi-
ffusion; 7, The Day Bridge disaster;
7.30, Melodrama; 8, Birth-
day Matings; 8.30, Sidney Trench and
His Orchestra; 8.45, The Dick and
Jane Show; 9, Personality Parade.

Molly Bee: 7.15, The Henry Jerome
Show; 7.30, Billy May and His
Orchestra; 7.45, My Other Love; 8,
Time Signal; 8.15, News; 8.30,
The Tops in Popular Music pre-
sented by Nick Kennedy; 8.45, De-
mon Music; 9, The Day Bridge
disaster; 9.15, News; 9.30, The
Herald; 9.45, News; 10, The
Walter Scott-Fair Play; 10.15,
The Day Bridge disaster; 10.30,
One Night Stand; 11, Day
Signal; 11.15, News; 11.30, News;
11.45, News; 12, News; 12.15,
Midnight; 12.30, "God Save
The Queen." Television.

TELEVISION
8 p.m., Children's Hour—"Car-
toon"; 8.15, "Television"; 8.30,
The Adventures of Kit Car-
son; 8.45, The Day Bridge disaster;
9, The Day Bridge disaster; 9.15,
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1958.

LADY BLACK TO OPEN LEPER FAIR

Lady Black, wife of His Excellency the Governor, has consented to open the forthcoming Christmas Fair, it was announced this morning at the monthly meeting of the Marianne Reichel Aid to Lepers Group.

The fair will be held on December 6 at the Hongkong Defence Force Playground, Happy Valley, from 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The meeting was held in the SCM Post Board Room and presided over by Mrs. F. E. James, Chairman of the Group. The proceeds of the fair this year will go to the maintenance and the building fund of the Leper Colony in Hui Ling Chau.

A grand total of \$81,000 was collected at the fair last year and Mrs. James expressed the hope that this year at least the same amount would be made.

An appeal was also made for men's or boys' shorts and trousers for Hui Ling Chau patients. These could be left at the Mission to Lepers office, Beaumonts Arcade, Queen's Road Central.

Actor On Charge

A Chinese actor, Leung Shu-fan, 30, of 68, Ta Ku Ling Road, first floor, and another man, Leung Cho, 28, unemployed, of Lung Chun Road, first floor, Walled City, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. A. L. Lenthlean at Central Magistracy this morning charged with demanding money from a man with menaces and simple theft.

It was alleged that both defendants demanded \$40 from Cheng Yin-fong with menaces and with intent to steal last Monday at 1, King's Road, ground floor. The lecherous charge alleged that they stole \$40 from Cheng.

No plea was taken. Defendants were remanded three days in police custody.

Closing Address In Opium Conspiracy Case

Mr. John McNeill, Q.C., defending an Indian merchant accused of conspiring with a Chinese seaman to deal in opium, this morning concluded his submissions of no case to answer which he started yesterday morning.

Judge H. H. B. How then adjourned the hearing until 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, when Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, will reply for the Prosecution.

Mahindra Verma, 30, and Pui Sai-hung, 35, are charged with conspiring to deal in dangerous drugs between October last year and February this year.

Verma alone is additionally charged with possession of 1,076.25 pounds of opium on February 22.

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Mr. McNeill said there was nothing to show that the contractor was either an agent or a servant of Verma.

He said the Crown had opened its case by stating that Verma was in fact "M. Karim and Co." but there was no evidence to support this.

'No Evidence'

Mr. McNeill maintained this morning that throughout the trial, the Crown case had been that Verma was in constructive possession of a cargo of 35 cotton bales that had been stored in the warehouse of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., on February 22.

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NANYANG CHAIRMAN BACKS FEDERATION



MR D. BENSON

Balanced Plan Needed For Hongkong Industry

REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING

"It is to be hoped that steps being taken towards the establishment in Hongkong of a Federation of Industries will be successful," the Acting Chairman of Directors of Nanyang Cotton Mills Ltd. Mr. D. Benson said in his statement presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting today.

Mr. Benson added: "It is extremely important that a balanced plan be set up for industry, and the Federation should be so constituted as to provide, among other things, the formation of a special committee to supervise the intensive use of equipment, the improvement and regulation of quality of goods manufactured, to form units for specialised products and to endeavour to promote and to develop and increase the volume of export."

Mr. Benson also stressed that the question of industrial development in Hongkong is more pressing than ever today owing to the problems given rise by the intensified competition by Asian countries, by the pressure upon the (British) Government by Lancashire (textile interests to impose a ceiling on imports of cloth from Commonwealth countries, by the political turmoil in Indonesia which has seriously disturbed trade with that country, and by the signs of a recession appearing in the United States of America and elsewhere.

The training and developing of skilled technologists in industry was also stressed by Mr. Benson. "This is of paramount importance even more so today than ever before," Mr. Benson said.

Essential

"The establishment of a textile training section in the new Technical College, which has been set up in the Colony, provides the facilities for such training and it is essential that individual employers will give their personnel every encouragement to improve and develop their knowledge by attending the special classes which have been arranged for the purpose."

About the cotton trade in general and Hongkong's present relation with the Lancashire textile industry in particular, Mr. Benson said:

"Although the balance of trade with the United Kingdom continues to be heavily in their favour, I can only view our long-term trade with Britain as our best customer—with much less optimism than I have felt for some years."

"I say this because the Lancashire textile industry, which has been largely affected by a continuous and steep decline in its export volume over the past few years, is now pressing the United Kingdom Government to safeguard its position by proposing the imposition of a quota on Commonwealth imports of cottons which, incidentally, have caused but a comparatively small percentage of displacement of home-manufactured fabrics."

An influential financial publication puts the position quite correctly in stating that: "A quota for the U.K. would have no effect on one main source of worry—foreign competition in overseas markets. But even if it were to lead to some revival in home orders, it would be a most dangerous remedy to apply. The cotton manufacturing industry is of recent growth in Hongkong and is a vital source of income and employment, replacing, as it does, the export trade with China that has now shrunk to a fraction of its former size."

Comparative Figures

"The exports of cotton cloth to the U.K. during the year 1957 from India were 182 million square yards, and from Pakistan 7 million square yards. "The total exports to the U.K. of cotton yarn of Hongkong origin during 1957, was 5.5 million lbs. of a value of \$19,107,435. That of piece-goods being 70.3 million square yards amounting in value to HK\$303,497,903—now said to have been increased to an annual rate of 100 million square yards."

"According to Reuters, the Cotton Board announced in Manchester on May 14 of the current year that the Lancashire weaving mills produced an

average of 44.5 million yards of cotton mixture cloths a week, in the month ended March 23. This compared with a weekly average of 45.25 million yards in March last year. The production of cotton and mixture yarns last month averaged 17.1 million lbs. weight per week, compared with 17.3 million lbs. weight the previous month and 18.1 million lbs. weight in the same month last year.

"That is to say that Lancashire is producing yarns at the rate of 880 million lbs. weight per annum, and cloths at the rate of 2,314 million yards per annum."

In his written report, Mr. Benson informed shareholders that the trading profit of the company for the year, after providing for depreciation at \$1,390,717, making a reserve for 1958-59 Corporation Tax and taking credit for taxation over-recovered in the previous year, was \$2,010,054, as compared with \$2,205,352, the corresponding figure for 1957.

The company's commitments for new machinery and for replacements of more modern type, as also for improvements during the year, amounted to \$1,004,100.

Restrictive

Mr. Benson continued: "The year has not, however, been without difficulties. While we have increased our turnover, our overseas task has been rendered more difficult by restrictive policies adopted by several overseas countries, designed either to conserve their resources in foreign exchange, or to support the establishment of textile industries within their own frontiers."

"It is a matter of some satisfaction that in the circumstances, the value of our total turnover increased over the year. This is not only the result of vigorous selling but is also some reward for the expenditure on new plant over the past few years and for

the constant efforts made to improve methods in quality and service.

"Intensified competition from mainland China, Pakistan, India and Japan, and from other countries in Southeast Asia, have had the effect of lowering market prices for cotton yarns and for cotton piece-goods. There has been in consequence a constant erosion of profit margins and the gradual price retreat under way in the cotton grey-goods market has extended a little further this last quarter."

"Several features in the situation abroad are likely to influence exports in the coming months. The slight downturn expected in textile mill consumption and large supplies of raw cotton and cotton products in several countries, could provide a basis for caution and reluctance to make forward commitments."

Boomerang

"Not very long since, Hongkong exported to Pakistan, South Korea and Formosa, a very substantial portion of her textile productions. As these countries have, in the process of evolution, attained self-sufficiency by erecting and operating cotton mills within their own borders, no further supplies are now required from this Colony. Indeed surplus productions from these and other countries are being shipped to Hongkong which compete successfully with the local output by being offered at cheaper rates."

"As in previous years, your Directors have continued our study and to improve our manufacturing methods with a view to obtaining a higher level of efficiency and, at the same time, lowering the cost of production."

From the Files

25 years AGO

AFTER over 50 years of essential service to the mariners visiting this port, the time-ball on Signal Hill Kowloon, is to cease functioning. Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Director of the Royal Observatory, stated that with the modern use of radio-telegraphy for the dissemination of time signals, the time-ball no longer fulfilled its function (i.e. giving the correct time to mariners) with an accuracy equal to radio signals.

An airmail service connecting Hongkong with the outside world was foreshadowed at the Legislative Council yesterday by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. D. W. Tatham) when he moved that approval be given for the construction of a civil hangar at Kai Tak aerodrome.

The hangar in use at present is shared jointly between the Hongkong Government and the RAF for military purposes. It has of late been realised that with the probable increase in civilian flying in the near future and the growing certainty of air mail lines making Hongkong a link with other parts of the world, the hangar would be totally inadequate for the dual purpose and the proposition for a new civil hangar was favourably considered by the local government.

SHANGHAI: At the order of Mr. T. V. Soong, the local office of the Ministry of Finance again received \$7,000 to London for Mr. Soong's publicity and living expenses. It was learned today. Finance Minister Soong is enjoying a "good press" in London, as contrasted with the indifference of American newspapers in New York and Washington. A British Journalist is retained by Mr. Soong as liaison officer between the Chinese delegation and Fleet Street.

In a close and exciting match, G.E.F. Thompson of the Kowloon Bowling Green eliminated D. Gow, a club mate, at King's Park yesterday afternoon from the team bowl single championship by 21 shots to 20 after 25 heads had been played.

MAJOR James Doolittle, famous American aviator, told a gathering in Canton at the Thursday Club luncheon that on July 1 an airmail service from Shanghai to Hongkong and Hongkong to Canton will be inaugurated. "When the Hongkong-Shanghai service is in operation, Hongkong will be but four hours' flying distance from Shanghai, instead of the present two days by fast boat," he said.

The Hotel Cecil offered 'any four courses from the following menu for \$1 at tiffin: Cream Cornet; smoked fish, butter sauce; Omelette au Jambon; Pigon a la Francaise; cold roast ribs; beef; beetroot salad; boiled potatoes; potato lyonnais; spinach in butter; milk and rice pudding; cheese; fruit and coffee.

A NEW tannery, to be managed by a number of Chinese returned from abroad, and who claim to have had long experience of foreign methods, is shortly to be established on the mainland.

A pretty wedding of particular interest was solemnised at the Registry Office on Saturday when Miss Irene Lucie Oldfield, the daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Oldfield of Hongkong, became the bride of Dr E.C. Humphreys, Dental Surgeon of Alexandra Building, Hongkong and son of Mr and Mrs Henry Humphreys, late of Messrs J.D. Humphreys and Watsons of Hongkong.

FROM the Morning Post's 25 years ago column: Extract from SCMP June 18, 1903: "It is almost impossible to understand the action of the Government in prohibiting speech-making in Chinese restaurants where such subjects as self-government are discussed. At the present time China seems on the eve of a constitution, yet the Chinese in Hongkong are stopped. From discussing a matter of such vital importance to them."

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Woman Knocked Down By Tram

A 32-year-old woman was knocked down and injured by a tram in Mala Street, Shaokwan, near the Golden Star Cinema yesterday.

The woman, Cheung Sheung-ai of No. 240, Main Street West, ground floor, is receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital.

Armed Robbery

A Chinese, armed with a knife, robbed a Chinese woman of a wrist watch outside No. 31, Centre Street, Sai Tau Village at about 6.25 a.m. today.

The Police have detained a suspect for questioning.

Mrs P. D. Holder, wife of the Air Officer Commanding Hongkong, Air Commodore P. D. Holder, will dedicate open the Royal Air Force Wives Club at a ceremony to be held at the new club, No. 1 Hut, No. 3 Supply Depot, Argyle Street, Kowloon, on June 19.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, a bride ought to know how to cook, darling, but not too well—you want him to take you out to dinner sometimes!"

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